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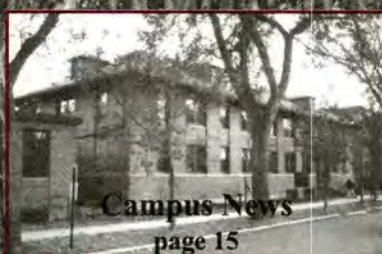
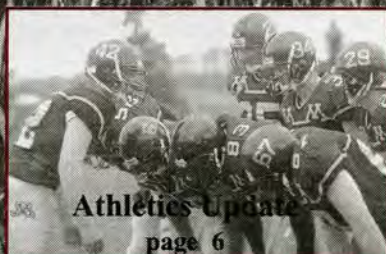
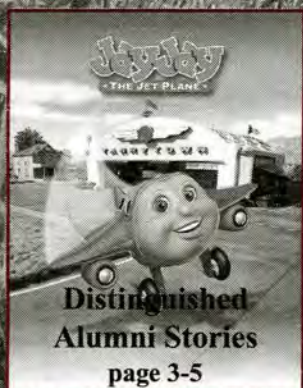
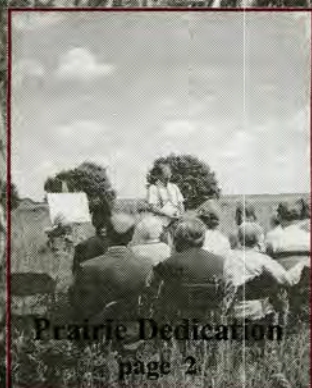
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For Alumni, Parents and Friends of the University of Minnesota, Morris

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MORRIS

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“...a teaching prairie for generations”





Stahler Memorial Prairie Dedicated

On August 13, 2002, Stahler family and friends, and representatives of the UMM community gathered to dedicate a parcel of land gifted to the University of Minnesota, Morris, by Bonita Giberson Stahler '72 and the late Judge Thomas Stahler '41 (U of M) to be used as an environmental learning laboratory. The words spoken on that splendid summer afternoon by Susan Stahler DuPay '75 and Chancellor Sam Schuman captured the beauty of the occasion, the graciousness of the gift and the significance of the prairie. We are pleased to share these messages with our readers:

*To make a prairie it takes a clover, and one bee.
One clover and a bee and revery.
If bees are few, revery will do.*

In 1855, the reclusive New England poet, Emily Dickinson, wrote these words. Contemplation of a healthy Northern Tallgrass prairie can certainly create a sense of reverie—a dreamlike state where fanciful ideas and meditation can occur. But reverie alone cannot maintain or restore the prairie of today.

Before humans impacted the prairies, the geologic forces of nature shaped and changed the land. In 1918, the year of my mother's birth, Carl Sandburg wrote of the prairie: "Here the water went down, the icebergs slid with the gravel, the gaps and the valleys hissed and the black loam came and the sandy yellow loam. The running water babbled to the deer, the cotton tail, the gopher." In "Cornhuskers," Sandburg depicts the prairie as endless, dangerous and powerful but a force that bends to the will of man and progress.

It is estimated that during the time American Indian populations occupied the land in the United States, over 18 million acres of rich and teaming prairie land existed. Only 150,000 acres of native prairie land remain—1% of the original amount. Remaining virgin prairie—usually poor land, sandy, steep or difficult to plough or access—has been subject to ecological changes. Native plants, insects and animals have been joined by and sometimes conquered by the introduction of non-native species. Changing weather conditions have affected growing seasons. Human population and production continues to place native lands at risk.

Tom Stahler '41 (U of M) and Bonnie Giberson Stahler '72 were children of the prairie, as were their parents. The Stahler ancestors, John and Martha, farmed the land and all of their seven adult children obtained post-secondary education and advanced degrees. Roy and Ellen Giberson were also supportive of education. Roy provided community members information about new methods of farming and production through his work with the University of Minnesota Extension Office which was located at the present site of UMM. "Environmental impact" and "ecological systems" were not a part of the vocabulary of these hard working people of the depression era. Many of the ideas behind these concepts would have been as foreign to them as the Internet, McDonalds or

Brittany Spears. The Stahler and Giberson ancestors taught their children to waste not—want not, to value education and to respect nature, the land and their fellow man.

Bonnie and Tom Stahler also believed in honoring their community and their environment. Many changes have occurred since Emily Dickinson and Carl Sandburg wrote of prairies. These ten acres of sandy, steep-sloped native prairie dedicated today are Tom and Bonnie Stahler's way of preserving a piece of natural history and of saying thank you to their community. Today the University of Minnesota, Morris, gains a natural laboratory for student studies, a place to track the effects of climatic change, soil composition and the inter-relationship of plants and animals and mankind. The foliage of the Purple Coneflower, Big and Little Bluestem and Black-eyed Susan will wave over this piece of prairie for many years to come. Future generations should not have to just imagine a prairie. The bee and the clover *must* continue to exist. Our dream, our reverie, is that maintaining prairie will be the goal and the reality for the students and staff of UMM now and for many years to come.

—Susan Stahler DuPay '75

Photo left to right: Patricia Stahler Buckle '67, Bonnie Stahler Wilson, Michael Stahler, Susan Stahler DuPay '75, Colleen Stahler Behm, Bonnie Stahler '72, Merrilee Stahler '74 Cover photo: Bonnie Stahler's children—grand and great—explore the Stahler Memorial Prairie.

A teaching prairie for generations to come

The great monuments of medieval and renaissance Europe were the soaring spires of Gothic cathedrals, reaching up towards the divine. In modern American cities, as we have become much more aware in this past year, we have created great monuments of vertical aspiration, too—towers which scrape the sky and can symbolize and embody our aspirations and achievements.

Here on the plains of the upper midwest, we see things from a different perspective. Our great visions are, as Minnesota author Bill Holmes puts it, not of vertical greatness, but of horizontal grandeur. For aesthetic, cultural and historical reasons, it is as important we preserve our great horizontal spaces as it is to cherish the vertical monuments of our cities and of Europe.

Bonita Giberson Stahler and her husband, the late Judge Thomas Stahler, understand the values and greatness of this place. Judge Stahler was a key community leader who was central in the founding of UMM in the 1950s, one of our creators, a member of the group of visionaries who brought uncompromising excellence in liberal learning to the prairie. This gift from the Stahlers now brings the prairie to UMM.

The prairie teaches us who we are, what we have been, where we are. This land will be a teaching prairie for generations of UMM students and faculty. We have so much for which to thank the Stahlers, from the first days of UMM, to today, and into a future where this precious patch of land will demonstrate the strong modest beauty and endurance which will inspire and instruct UMM students to nurture those same qualities in their lives.

—Chancellor Sam Schuman

**Vivian Heltemes '77,
alumni relations director,
introduces the 2002**

Distinguished Alumni Award winners

It is with great pleasure that we introduce UMM's first Distinguished Alumni Award winners. These three recipients—Robert Gandrud '65, Lue Her '97, Bruce Johnson '71—illustrate the many contributions UMM alumni make to their families, to their communities and to society in both their vocations and their avocations.

The Distinguished Alumni Award winners were announced during Student Honors and Awards Day last May. The three recipients will be honored at a special presentation at the UMM Alumni Association Banquet on Friday, September 20. If you would like to attend the banquet, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations for more information: alumni@mrs.umn.edu or call 320-589-6066.

The three recipients were chosen by the UMMAA Board of Directors from recommendations made by a board-appointed committee which reviewed the outstanding nominations made by fellow alumni. The Distinguished Alumni Award will be given annually as a means to celebrate the accomplishments of the UMM community.



Vivian Heltemes '77

**2002 Distinguished Alumni Award Winner
Robert P. Gandrud '65**

Good steward

Values learned from parents on dairy farm

Robert Gandrud learned how to be a good steward on his family's farm near Glenwood, Minnesota. His father, Joe Gandrud, now 97 years old, was quick to adopt new conservation practices, such as contour planting, riparian strips, and living wind breaks. "I learned a great lesson from my dad," Bob Gandrud says. "You have to care for the land and make it better for the future."

That same ethic of stewardship guided Gandrud throughout his career at Lutheran Brotherhood (now Thrivent Financial for Lutherans), a financial services company. Gandrud rose from a fledgling actuarial student to president, CEO, and board chairman of the \$26 billion fraternal benefit society. "I always wanted to make the company better for future generations—not milk the company for personal gain. I learned that from my farmer father."

Farming, family, church

The only boy in a family of four, Gandrud worked side-by-side with his father on the farm. "I really enjoyed working with my dad. It's a wonderful thing to have that kind of relationship with a parent." The family milked 25 cows and raised hogs, chickens and grain. Daily life "centered around farming, family and church."

In high school, Gandrud excelled at math and science, and took full advantage of extracurricular activities: "I was in everything—band, choir, class plays, football, basketball." He planned to enroll at St. Olaf College in Northfield, where his older sisters had attended. But love brought him instead to the brand new college 28 miles west in Morris. "I was in love with Nancy Olson, my future wife. She was working in Glenwood and that's what kept me around."

Gandrud entered UMM in the fall of 1961. College housing was in short supply, so he rented a basement apartment near campus with four other guys. Their landlady kept a sharp eye on the lads—no girls allowed in the basement. Now and then, she cooked them a meal or baked her special bread: "She'd make a one-pound-size loaf that weighed about five pounds. She'd stand at the top of the stairs and throw it down to us. We used to joke that one of those loaves could kill you! But it was good toasted."

Influential math professor

Gandrud started out as a physics major then switched to math after studying with Professor Sen Fan, who taught mathematics at UMM for 35 years. Gandrud recalls taking a computer programming class from Fan before UMM even had a computer. "We'd write programs in Fortran, and he would take them home and read them to decide if they'd run."

Gandrud played trombone in the UMM band and orchestra, and sang in the men's chorus that performed at the Seattle World's Fair. As a junior, he helped start the Phi Mu Delta fraternity. Two local businessmen, Ed LaFave and the late Tom Stahler, helped the fraternity buy the grand old Hancock house, across from the courthouse in Morris.

"We worked like mad on the house, redid the floors, moved the kitchen to the basement, built bunk beds, hired a housemother to cook for us and recruited people to live in the house. It was an adventure—owning that place."

In March 1965, Gandrud completed his degree. He and Nancy Olson had married the summer before and were expecting their first child. "I had a pregnant wife and no money, and I needed a job!"

A fraternity brother, Phil Olson of Garfield '64, mentioned that Lutheran Brotherhood was hiring actuarial students. Gandrud had been offered a job at Sears selling appliances, "but being an actuary sounded a lot better." On April Fools' Day, 1965, Gandrud joined Lutheran Brotherhood's corporate office in Minneapolis. "My starting salary was \$475 a month, and I thought I was getting wealthy."

Rapid rise

During his first decade with Lutheran Brotherhood, Gandrud worked in several divisions of the company, including insurance, new product development and sales and marketing—an area he especially enjoyed.

In 1978 his career took a new turn. He'd been critical of Lutheran Brotherhood's computer system. It couldn't handle the company's new products, hindering sales. His reward for complaining—he was named head of management information services.

Management "put me in charge of coming up with something different. That was a big break for me. I always had the philosophy that you take an opportunity and run with it as hard as you can." Gandrud led a team that replaced the information systems in just two years, setting the stage for future growth.

In the 1980s, Gandrud rose rapidly to the top ranks of management: head of marketing in 1980; executive vice president of planning and insurance in '85; chief operating officer in '86; president in '87; and in 1988, at age 45, chief executive officer.

Rapid change

Gandrud led Lutheran Brotherhood for 12 years, overseeing a period of tremendous growth. Assets under management surged from \$2.5 billion in 1988 to \$26 billion in 2000, when Gandrud retired.

New financial services, especially variable annuities, drove this extraordinary growth, Gandrud says. Under his leadership, the company also boosted its field force and invested in extensive financial planning education for its representatives. "So we could do a better job of serving our customers' needs rather than just selling a product."

Creating a sophisticated and well-trained field force is one of the accomplishments he's most proud of, Gandrud says. He's also proud of serving more than a million members of Lutheran Brotherhood, helping them educate their children, plan for retirement, and protect their families. "That was always so rewarding, to see them reach their goals."

Responding to change

In 1998 Gandrud initiated a series of conversations with John Gilbert, a 1964 graduate of UMM and CEO of Aid Association for Lutherans, a fraternal benefit society based in Appleton, Wisconsin. Competition in the financial services industry was intensifying, and Gandrud wanted to explore ways that the two organizations could cooperate. These talks led to the merger of Lutheran Brotherhood and AAL last January to form Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Full circle

Gandrud has been an active civic and church leader, serving on many business and professional boards, as well as the governing boards of Concordia College, Luther Seminary and United Way. He's also co-chair of UMM's capital campaign.

The Gandruds have helped build a dozen homes for Habitat for Humanity. And they've been foster parents to more than 40 infants. Nancy, a homemaker, was the primary caregiver, "but I did a few early morning feedings," Bob says.

After Bob retired in 2000, the couple moved back to Glenwood where they continue to be involved in community affairs. Bob raises funds for UMM and Luther Seminary, and does some consulting with Lutheran congregations.

Coming full circle, he also bought a little farm in Pope County, which he's turning into wildlife habitat. "So I get to have a tractor and plant trees, and watch the wildlife."



Robert P. Gandrud '65

An immigrant's story

A classic American success story

When Lue Her was three years old, his mother and father strapped him and his brother to their backs and fled into the jungles of Laos.

Hiding from communist soldiers by day, traveling by night, the family reached the Mekong River and crossed into Leoi Province in northeast Thailand.

They spent two-and-a-half years in a squalid refugee camp, then emigrated to the unimaginably cold Midwest, where Her grew up in a crime-ridden St. Paul

housing project—a place he calls another kind of refugee camp.

Against all odds, Her became an outstanding high school student. He earned a degree from UMM in 1997, and later, a prestigious public service fellowship in California. Now, he manages a program that helps low-income and first-generation-American students reach college. His story is a classic American success story.

Living in a refugee camp

Lue Her's parents and grandparents were peasant farmers in Laos. His father fought for the United States in Laos during the Vietnam War and lost a leg. Her was born at a CIA base near Long Cheng, one of the last generation of Hmong children born in Laos.

His earliest memories are of the teeming Hmong refugee camp at Bon Vinai, Thailand. "I remember the school yard and playing fields. I remember the big ceramic jars of drinking water." Most of all, "I remember the smell when they cleaned the outhouses."

The refugees were crammed together; sanitation was poor, disease rampant. "I remember people being sick all the time, tapeworms, very deplorable conditions." Her's infant brother was among the many Hmong who died in the camp.

In 1979 Her's family arrived in the United States with little more than the clothes on their backs. They lived briefly in Baraboo, Wisconsin, where the only rice they could get was Uncle Ben's: "And it just wasn't the same!" Later, the family joined relatives in St. Paul, moving to an apartment in the city's Mount Airy housing project.

Surviving and supporting

Her's father worked as a "copier boy," and his mother sewed tapestries for craft fairs. The family grew to six children. "We were so poor—we lived off very little money. We had a garden my mother leased. We killed our own chickens. Our church helped out a lot. That's how we survived."

Despite their poverty, Her says, "My parents were the support for all the rest of the relatives who came here after us—grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins." Yellow packages arrived regularly from Thailand, containing cassette tapes recorded by family members back in the refugee camps. "Mostly, they were pleas for money." Whenever his parents could scrape together a few dollars, "they'd send it overseas to relatives."

Losing his mother

In 1986, when Her was 11 years old, his mother, Lee Yang, died of cancer.

Lee Yang had been the center of the family, Her says, and the driving force behind their cultural assimilation. "She was very keen to pick up American culture." Though uneducated, "she was very progressive. She understood that the only way we would be able to move up the ladder in this country was education."

His mother insisted that Her attend a mostly-white elementary school, reasoning that he would master English more quickly if there were few other Hmong speakers around. She was right, Her says, and from a young age, he translated for other Hmong parents.

Lee Yang pushed him to succeed in school, Her says. "I remember Mom going to conferences and school events—not understanding a word of English, just nodding her head and looking at everything."

After his mother died, Her's father, Tou Her, raised six children alone. "My father became one of the most important heroes a young man could ever have."

Several teachers also took a keen interest in Her, steering him to summer enrichment camps and extra-curricular activities. "I was very fortunate to meet teachers who were sympathetic and gave me guidance and attention." In high school, Her was a standout—student council, debate team, varsity soccer, Southeast Asian club president—and graduated near the top of his class of 317.

A sense of obligation

Colleges from all over the country recruited Her, but family ties kept him in Minnesota: "I wanted to be far enough from home so that I could concentrate on my studies. But not so far away that I couldn't get home to help if I was needed."

UMM fit the bill, and Her enrolled sight unseen. The first of his clan to go to college, he began his freshman year shouldering a sense of obligation: "I knew I had to succeed. I knew I had to set an example for my family and my community. I remember how lonely that was at times." Her's father often drove out to Morris with the younger children "so I wouldn't get too homesick."

At UMM, Her met professors who helped him excel. Mimi Frenier, professor of history, for example, "was like a second mom to me." He thrived, earning degrees in political science and secondary education. He became a campus leader, helped renew the Asian Students Association, and was chosen the 1997 commencement speaker. At graduation, he collected a fistful of honors, including the William R. Scarborough Memorial Award, recognizing his potential as an outstanding educator.

After college, Her received a Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs, a program that pairs fellows with top executives in business, government and philanthropy. Her suspects he got the attention of the Coro trustees by pointing out the disturbing similarities between a refugee camp and a low-income urban housing project: There's the same feeling of helplessness, he says, of being trapped by larger forces.

Bringing people together

One of the groups Her worked with as a Coro fellow was Hmong-American Community, Inc., a Fresno, California, economic development group serving immigrants in the Central Valley. After Her completed his fellowship, he stayed on at the Fresno non-profit as acting director. "I had other job offers. But I decided my services could be best used in the Hmong community." He helped farmers start a marketing cooperative and soon found himself selling thousands of dollars of Asian produce every week. "So that's how I happen to know more about agriculture than I ever dreamed of!"

In 1999 Her moved home to St. Paul to be near his family. Now he works for the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office, where he manages AmeriCorps/Get Ready!, a national service program that helps disadvantaged students succeed in school and go on to college. He also helps recruit and place students in UMM's English Language Teaching Assistant Program.

Her was married this summer. He and wife Kita, a St. Paul high school teacher, grew up a few blocks apart and have similar personal stories, Lue says. "We're a dynamite team!"

Her believes he has a talent for bringing people together to make things happen—a skill he first discovered at UMM. He has big dreams for the future: a children's library; a leadership foundation for public school teachers; and eventually, political office. "I believe we can accomplish amazing things when we work together."



Lue Her '97



Lou Her credits his family for being the motivation and inspiration to his success. The Her family from left to right. Front row: Lue, father Tou, Toua Back row: Paul, Sue Charch, Mao and Xang

Adventures from Hollywood

Television programs and movies entertain and teach

It was 1995. Johnson, a veteran Hollywood producer, had just started a new company, PorchLight Entertainment, to produce and distribute movies and television programs for children and families. Browsing in a bookstore, he picked up William J. Bennett's bestselling anthology, *The Book of Virtues*. "I recognized many of the stories, and I realized that most had never been animated. I saw the series in my head, right there, as I paged through the book." And his first original hit television show was conceived.

Johnson beat out 19 competitors, including Disney, for rights to the collection of moral tales from around the world. "Adventures from The Book of Virtues" became PorchLight's first success, running three seasons on PBS prime time.

Since then, Johnson's company has produced more than a dozen movies and several award-winning television series. His focus on telling entertaining stories that contain empowering ideals has brought PorchLight Entertainment critical acclaim and worldwide audiences.

A notion of being a writer

Johnson has more than two decades of experience in the entertainment industry. A three-time Emmy Award winner, he's produced over 300 half-hours of animation, plus films, television specials, and documentaries. Yet even now, he says, "It seems improbable to me that I ended up doing what I'm doing."

Growing up in Minneapolis, Johnson had "some notion of becoming a writer." But it was basketball, not literature, that brought him to UMM in 1967. Morris was enjoying winning basketball teams under Coach Noel Olson. Johnson, a high school player, followed the Cougars in the Twin Cities sports pages. When it came time to choose a college, "I just knew UMM was the right place for me."

He was a walk-on guard for the Cougars his freshman and sophomore years. "I enjoyed it immensely." In fact, "I paid more attention to basketball than to my studies." Injured during his junior year, he dropped basketball and got serious about American literature. Reading Hemingway and Dos Passos "was like having lights go on for me."

Johnson graduated from UMM in 1971 with a degree in English and went on to earn a Ph.D. in English and education, with studies in film, from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He made his first film in 1977: a promotional documentary about American writer Alex Haley for the ABC mini-series "Roots." "Then I got the bug and wondered if I could possibly make it in Hollywood."

The Hollywood shuffle

In 1979 Johnson and wife Patty, a teacher of the deaf, moved from Chicago to Los Angeles. Patty taught school while Bruce did "the Hollywood shuffle: I knocked on doors and made tons and tons of cold calls."

After six long months, he landed a job with Dave Bell Associates, an independent television production company. Bell, who gave many talented young filmmakers a start, put Johnson on notice from day one: "If it's not working there," Bell warned, pointing to his office television, "you'll be out there." He pointed to the street.

Great training

Johnson started out making low-budget teacher-education films, cranking out 15 in his first eight months with the company. It was great training, Johnson says: "I did everything—I wrote, produced, directed, edited, even did sound on location."

Over the next six years, Johnson produced over 75 documentaries, industrial films and public affairs programs. His credits included "America, America," a series for the Disney Channel profiling extraordinary Americans, and "On Campus," a PBS news program that won Emmys in 1983 and 1984.

Cartoon fun

In 1985, his reputation as a producer rising, Johnson joined Hanna-Barbera, producers of Yogi Bear, Huckleberry Hound, the Flintstones, Scooby Doo and other beloved cartoon characters. He developed several live-action family movies for the studio, but before long, "I found myself swept up in animation." It was more fun than pilfering pic-nic baskets: "In animation, your imagination is the only limit to what you can create."

Over the next decade, Johnson produced hundreds of half-hour episodes of animation and oversaw many of the studio's major projects, including *The Flintstones Movie* and *The Greatest Adventure* series, animated Bible stories that sold over ten million copies in home video.

Named general manager

In 1991 Turner Broadcasting acquired Hanna-Barbera, and Johnson was named studio general manager, running business operations worldwide. Tapping into Turner's strong distribution network, Johnson boosted studio revenues over 70 percent in three years. He also helped start the successful Cartoon Network.

"It was a great opportunity," Johnson says, "working with the Turner organization, integrating a well-known studio into a huge company." But after several years as chief executive, working with accountants and lawyers, Johnson began to miss the creative work he'd done as a producer. "I wanted to get back to hands-on storytelling."



Bruce D. Johnson '71

Adventures from The Book of Virtues

In 1995 Johnson and his partner, broadcasting executive William Baumann, formed PorchLight Entertainment. They hoped to reach family audiences with TV programs and movies "that empower kids," Johnson says—programs that entertain, but also "show us how to be a better person."

They were looking for start-up projects when William Bennett's *The Book of Virtues* caught Johnson's attention in the bookstore. "I called Bennett the next day, out of the blue." The former Secretary of Education told Johnson: "You're too late. We're already talking to Disney and several other studios."

But Johnson persisted, sketching out his ideas. Finally Bennett said, "Fax me your resume." The following day, he asked Johnson to fly to Washington to talk about how he'd do the show. In an upset, Johnson landed the anthology rights.

PorchLight produced 39 episodes of "Adventures from The Book of Virtues," which feature youngsters Annie and Zach and a cast of animal friends drawn from their creator's midwestern roots: Aristotle the prairie dog; Aurora the red-tailed hawk; Plato the buffalo. The animated series, distributed in 75 countries, won praise for engaging stories that illustrate universal virtues such as courage, honesty and perseverance.

Johnson says, "I still get at least 20 emails a day on the show," which is now sold in home video. "It was a great way to start the company."

More hits

Another hot series followed. "Jay Jay the Jet Plane" opened on PBS in 2001. Featuring high-tech digital motion-capture animation, the series was an instant hit with critics and preschool kids, including Johnson's own son, who "was totally enchanted with the airplane character." The show airs daily on 300 PBS stations, reaching 23 million viewers.

Other PorchLight hits include "Jetcat," an animated series for Nickelodeon; *The Trial of Old Drum*, Animal Planet's first movie; and "Sir David Frost Presents: Inside the Cold War," which Johnson produced and directed for The History Channel. "Tutenstein," a new animated series about a nine-year-old mummy from ancient times, will air next year on NBC and Discovery Channel.

PorchLight has also produced 17 television movies and will release its first feature film in 2003. It's a comedy called *Dudes*—"sort of a kids' *City Slickers*," says Johnson, who is working on the script now. In addition, PorchLight distributes nearly 60 family movies, including *Herman USA*, a romantic comedy based on west central Minnesota's own Herman bachelors.

The moral of the story

Bruce and Patty Johnson, who celebrated their 26th anniversary this summer, live in Pacific Palisades with their 9-year-old son. The Hollywood social scene holds little appeal, says Bruce, who prefers to spend his spare time with his family, coaching soccer, and playing tennis.

Though Johnson doesn't pretend that television is high art, his company is anchored in his founding vision: to tell good stories that impart moral lessons. That's what storytellers through the ages have done, he wrote in a recent essay in the *Los Angeles Times*:

"From Plato to Poe, from Homer to George Lucas, our greatest storytellers create stories that resonate within our memories, reaching directly into the core of what it means to be a human being. The moral of the story—that's what we remember."

Athletics update —Mark Fohl director of athletics



Mark Fohl

New coaching staff

A number of new staff members have joined the coaching staff this year. **Jim Hall** is our new women's basketball coach, and **Paul Grove** will take over the men's basketball program. Other changes include **Jerry Monner** as the head cross country and track coach. Jerry comes to UMM from Loras College, where he was an assistant football and track coach while working on his master's degree. **Jeff Remington** joins our staff as assistant football and track coach. He comes to UMM from high school coaching in California. We are excited to have these excellent coaches join our staff.

Hall of Fame Honors

A number of former UMM athletes and supporters have received hall of fame honors recently. **Doug Patnode '72**, an outstanding performer in football and baseball at UMM, was inducted into the NSIC Hall of Fame during ceremonies in Willmar, Minnesota, in July. Doug has the distinction of playing on the first two NIC conference championship teams for UMM—baseball in the spring of 1970 and football in the fall of 1970. **Art Durkee**, **Stacy Rust Martig** and **Shane Pribyl** will be inducted into the Cougar Hall of Fame at the UMM Alumni Association Banquet and Annual Meeting on Friday, September 20, 2002, during Homecoming Week:

- Art Durkee began driving the Cougar bus in the fall of 1972 and continued transporting Cougar athletic teams until 1999. Generations of former cougar athletes remember Art as a generous, helpful, supportive driver who safely got them to and from their destinations.

- Stacy Rust Martig '93 was an outstanding volleyball player who was named to the All-District team three times and twice received All-Conference and All-American honors. She continues to hold a number of volleyball records at UMM. Stacy also received All-American Scholar Athlete honors in 1991 and 1992.

- Shane Pribyl '91 is one of a number of outstanding multiple sports athletes who competed at UMM. He received All-American honors in football in 1990 and in baseball in the spring of 1991. He still holds the record for receiving yards in a season as a football player and nearly every hitting record for a career as a baseball player.

We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of these former Cougar honorees. If you would like to attend the banquet in recognition of the new Cougar Hall of Fame members, please contact the UMM Office of Alumni Relations for more information: alumni@mrs.umn.edu or call 320-589-6066.



Art Durkee



The 4th Annual Friends of Cougar Football Golf Tournament was held at Greystone Golf Club near Sauk Centre on July 12. Above is the team that shot a 10 under 62 to win the tournament. From left: Brent Welle, former Cougar B.J. Friedrichs '01 and Jim Beste

UMM intercollegiate athletics programs moving to Division III

Students who compete in intercollegiate athletics at the University of Minnesota, Morris, will soon move from Division II to Division III play, announced UMM Chancellor Sam Schuman.

"We have applied for membership in the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference, which consists of St. Scholastica, Crown College, Martin Luther College, Northland College and Northwestern College, and Westminster College and Blackburn College in football. We will leave the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in accordance with conference procedures."

The move from Division II to Division III play will be a process which will spread over the next couple of years. Next year, Cougar athletic competition will continue within the NSIC Division II league. "We will work to devise a strategy which will hold true to our scholarship commitment to current student athletes while also being true in letter and spirit to the guidelines of Division III," offered Schuman. "For all of us, this step represents an effort to strengthen Cougar athletics in a realistic and appropriate way."

Core mission of UMM athletics

"The core mission of intercollegiate athletics at UMM is to provide high quality competitive experience for the women and men who participate in both 'major' and 'minor' sports here, in the context of our overarching institutional goal of providing a top quality liberal arts education of uncompromising rigor within the University of Minnesota," states Schuman. "A strong athletics program helps build community both internally and externally; it helps to recruit highly qualified student-athletes; it provides an important campus recreational outlet for spectators and participants alike; and it offers a valuable and unique learning experience," he continued.

Consultative process

Chancellor Schuman engaged in a comprehensive consultative process in making his decision, seeking input from student athletes and alumni, financial contributors, parents of current student athletes and campus governance groups.

"I have concluded, and most of those with whom I have spoken and corresponded believe, that these goals can be best achieved by returning to the NCAA Division III status which UMM held during a period of high accomplishments in intercollegiate athletics," says Schuman. In addition, a report from Alden and Associates, a national intercollegiate athletics consulting firm based in Amherst, Mass., recommended a switch to Division III play. "The reasons for this decision are based on the possibilities of building a competitive program and, therefore, enhancing the experiences of all our student athletes," explains Schuman. Financial realism, along with our institutional size and mission, were also important factors in the decision, according to Schuman.

The decision follows two major initiatives which were enacted in recent years in an effort to improve the opportunity for UMM athletes to compete more effectively. An Athletics Task Force was asked to make recommendations to Schuman regarding options for the future in UMM's athletics program. Schuman also formulated a proposal to create Special Talent Scholarships, with 75% of the monies designated to providing athletic scholarships. "We are grateful to the donors who have supported this initiative, and hope for their continuing support for our student athletes," says Schuman.

Consultative process continues

In her review of the UMM athletics program, consultant Dr. Elizabeth Alden recommended that UMM move to Division III. Dr. Alden's consulting work with UMM will continue next year. Under the leadership of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sandy Olson-Loy, Dr. Alden will assist UMM in developing a long-term, strategic plan for its athletics program that will encompass staffing, organization structure, compensation, facilities needs and other long-term issues. "We will develop, with broad consultation, a strategic plan for our athletics program that will produce a more competitive, exciting and rewarding experience for our students," states Olson-Loy.

"Let me reaffirm my commitment to building a competitive Intercollegiate Athletics program for the 21st Century here at UMM," concluded Schuman. "My personal goal is to reach a level where I would feel comfortable going to any intercollegiate athletic contest in which our students participate with a sense that we would be competitive, that we would have a reasonable chance to win. This will take a while to accomplish, and we will all have to exercise some patience, but it has been too long already, and the time to begin the climb is now."



Paul Grove

Paul Grove accepts head men's basketball position

A winning tradition is ahead for the UMM Cougar men's basketball program. Paul Grove is the new head men's basketball coach for the Cougars following a national search.

Coach Grove is our first major

appointment in Intercollegiate Athletics since our decision to become a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III institution," announced Chancellor Sam Schuman. "We are confident that this excellent addition to our athletics staff makes clear the very high level of our expectations and hopes in a new league and at a new divisional level. Under Coach Grove, we will build a winning tradition in men's basketball which will make a significant contribution to raising our varsity sports program to a higher standard."

Grove has been the head men's basketball coach at Mayville State University, North Dakota, for the past six years. While at Mayville, he built a 105-64 win-loss record in the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC 10). Grove's teams are 16-6 versus Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) teams. He was named Coach of the Year three times.

While at Mayville State, Grove led his teams to conference championships two consecutive years. He took the Comets to a National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Tournament appearance, advancing to the Elite Eight in the 1997-98 season. Grove has coached seven Academic All-Americans.

Grove received a bachelor of arts in education and social studies with a coaching certificate from Gustavus Adolphus College in 1989 and a master's degree in fitness from Augustana College, South Dakota, in 1994.

University of Minnesota, Morris, Athletic Director Mark Fohl served as the chair for the committee which conducted a national search. Committee members included Tom Johnson, UMM faculty athletic representative; Tracey Anderson, professor of biology; Rick Stark, Cougar Club advisory board member; and Cougar men's basketball players Adam Girtman and Richard Simms.

The candidates met with a broad group of UMM representatives including Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sandy Olson-Loy; Judy Kuechle, chair of the division of education; Scott Hagg, director of admissions; student athletes and other members of the campus community.

"Coach Grove has experience building very successful basketball programs. He has deep connec-

tions to the state and the region. In addition, he embraces the values of Division III play and has strong experience in athletics at rigorous liberal arts colleges. These traits will be very important in the next several years as we restore Cougar pride in all aspects of UMM intercollegiate athletics," noted Vice Chancellor Olson-Loy.

Athletic Director Mark Fohl continued, "Grove brings a strong commitment to recruit local athletes with high academic standards. He has demonstrated the ability to pull together talents of team members and achieve results. We are very excited about having someone with Paul Grove's ability to build a program as our new head men's basketball coach."

"I see myself as a teacher of the game of basketball," stated Grove in his comments to the search committee. "I want athletes to enjoy and succeed at

basketball, and I want to see them graduate. I look forward to building a high standard for basketball at the University of

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—Coach Paul Grove

Minnesota, Morris."

Grove assumed the head coach position effective July 1. A native of Grey Eagle, Minnesota, Grove, wife Sandy and their three children—Noah, five, Anna, three, and Eli, seven months—are looking forward to the move to Morris.

James Hall, new women's basketball coach, brings experienced leadership to UMM program

James Hall, former head women's basketball coach at Simpson College in Redding, California, has been named UMM's head women's basketball coach.

"James Hall played basketball at Grinnell College, in Iowa, on the first team to produce a winning record in three decades. Clearly, he knows something about turning programs around, and setting them in a winning direction," notes Chancellor Sam Schuman. "And, as a history graduate of Grinnell, he knows something

also about the character and value of a fine small college liberal education. I'm excited to join the rest of our

community in welcoming Coach Hall as our new head women's basketball coach at UMM."

Head women's basketball coach at Simpson College since 1999, Hall transformed a struggling program into one of success. Under Hall's leadership, the Simpson team experienced their first winning season, earned a National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) post-season berth, won three consecutive National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association (NCCAA) II West Region Championships and twice advanced to the NCCAA II Final Four national championship. This past season Simpson won the NCCAA II national championship and finished the year with a 23-12 win-loss record.

In 2002 Hall was named the NCCAA II West Region Coach of the Year and the Simpson women's basketball team was named Northern California "team of the year" by two different sports groups. Hall coached five NCCAA II First Team All-

Americans, four NAIA II and NCCAA II Academic All-Americans, three California Pacific Conference All-Conference players, three NCCAA II West Region players and nine All-Region players.

Each semester Hall coached at Simpson, his student-athletes earned team GPAs in the top one or two of all Simpson athletic teams. In the 2000-01 year, his team had the 15th highest team GPA nationally in the NAIA.

Hall earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Grinnell College in 1995, where he played both basketball and baseball for the Pioneers and

served as an assistant basketball coach while being a player. Following his stint with Grinnell, Hall earned a master's degree in physical education from Northwest Missouri State University, where he served as a graduate assistant in the physical education department. Hall served as assistant men's basketball coach and head junior varsity men's basketball coach at Tennessee Temple University from 1997-1999.

Chris DeVries, head women's soccer coach and compliance coordinator, chaired the national search. Members of the committee included Jodi Holleman, Hancock High School head girls basketball coach and UMM athletics principal accounts specialist; assistant football coach Dwayne Pelham; Stacey Parker Aronson, professor of spanish; and current Cougar women's basketball team members Erin Reger and Stacy Nordgren.

The candidates met with a broad group of UMM representatives including Sandy Olson-Loy, vice

chancellor for student affairs; Mark Fohl, athletic director; Judy Kuechle, chair of the division of education; Scott Hagg, director of admissions; student athletes and other members of the campus community.

Athletic Director Mark Fohl says, "We are very excited about having someone with Jim Hall's ability to build a program as our new head women's basketball coach." Vice Chancellor Olson-Loy concurs, "Coach Hall has played and coached basketball in strong, competitive college programs. His experience, leadership ability, integrity and commitment to student-athlete success make him a particularly good choice for this new appointment."

"I am very excited about the opportunity to work at an outstanding academic institution such as the University of Minnesota Morris," Hall said. "I am confident that with hard work and dedication we will be able to rebuild the women's basketball program. My goal is for UMM women's basketball to be considered the standard by which other programs are measured academically, athletically and professionally."

Hall began his head coach responsibilities July 1. He is a native of Bedford, Indiana. His wife, Rachel, is originally from St. Paul.



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—Coach James Hall

Class Notes

compiled by Theresa Johnson '03, Long Prairie

Every effort is made to be accurate in communicating alumni class notes submissions. The editor reserves the right to edit for length due to space limitations.

Class of '64

John Gilbert was named chair of the Life Office Management Association board, an international association engaged in research and educational activities. John is chair of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. He and wife **Marilyn Erickson Gilbert '67** live in Minneapolis.

Richard and Janette Schuman Hansen '66 have been married 36 years. Richard is president of Symplex Software. They live in Faribault. Contact them at dickh@symp.com.

Robert and Judith Nordly Ophaug '65 live in Saint Paul. Robert is a biochemistry professor at the UMMC Dental School. Judith is an Edina Realty realtor.

Class of '65

Ann Johnson Barsness and Erling Barsness '71 live in Billings, Mont. Ann teaches reading at Lockwood schools. Erling works with Camp Grounds of America.

Ronald Kolb, a certified financial planner and retirement planning seminar presenter, has three grown children. He lives in Waconia. Contact him at rkolb2243@aol.com.

Harlo Peterson, a Sysco district sales manager, attended the U of M Alumni Association sponsored "Minnesota Day" in Florida. He lives in Boca Raton, Florida. Contact him at pete472@aol.com.

Lynden Nelson of Kerkhoven enjoys retirement but keeps busy driving bus for R & J Tours. Contact him at lnelson@tds.net.

Class of '66

Peter Hammer, retired teacher and coach, lives in Clio, Michigan. Contact Peter at phammer17@aol.com.

Class of '67

Harvey and Julie Loken Kraabel live in Perham. Harvey retired after 35 years of teaching, coaching and school administration. Contact them at hkraabel@yahoo.com.

Michael and Kathleen Wieser Larson '73 live in Wheaton where Kathleen works in the elementary school library and tutors junior high students. Michael enjoys retirement and writes in his free time. Contact them at mklarson@traversenet.com.

Class of '68

Evelyn Olson of Morris passed away in March. She taught elementary school in Cyrus, Parkers Prairie, Hancock and area rural schools.

Bruce and Terry Schwartz Schroer live in Perham where he is a high school teacher. Contact them at bschroer@perham.k12.mn.us.

Diane Peterson Zellman and Lowell Zellman '69 moved to New Ulm where Diane is a children's librarian at the public library. Lowell teaches English at GFW High School. Contact them at adverb@newulmtel.net.

Class of '69

"I am assistant director of membership and development for the archives of American Art with the Smithsonian Institution," writes **Jeanne Baker Driscoll**. "The Archives is headquartered in Washington, D. C., but my office is in New York where I head up the Regional Center. The Archives is the national repository of primary source documents relating to the world of art in America. These include letters, diaries, sketchbooks, journals, photographs, and other ephemera, but not art works or books." In response to her winter 2002 *Profile* article on the events of September 11, Jeanne writes "I heard from three people: **Peg Michels '68**, **Helen Schneider '71**, and **Bonne Lie Williams '71**. It was gratifying that people responded and indicative that the event galvanized everyone around the country."

Class of '70

Alan and Mary Silbernack Schendel '72 live in Prairie City, Iowa, and can be contacted at viking1al@aol.com. Alan is a math teacher and athletic director at the PCM School District. Mary is head drill team instructor.

Robert Schmidt lives in Zumbrota and has worked for IBM for 29 years. The highlight of his career was working in Germany two years. Contact him at rhs01@ibm.com.

Stephen and Wanda Kopel Rentz live in North Mankato and own Central Concrete, Inc. Their four children attended UMM. Contact them at stever@cconcrete.com.

Richard Torgusen is a rural mail carrier in Beardsley. Contact him at torgy48@hotmail.com

Sherry Fischer Beyer Wentler lives in Hancock. She is administrative program director with Prairie Community Services of Morris. Her electronic mail address is sherrywentler@hotmail.com.

Class of '71

Connie Haldorson Edlund and Larry Edlund have two daughters. Connie is a teacher, and Larry as an athletic director. They live in Portage Michigan, and can be contacted at cedlund@kvcc.edu.

Thomas Huebsch would like to say hello to all his classmates. He lives in Lake Elmo and can be contacted at tjhuebschl@mmm.com.

Susan Owens Nelson of Osakis passed away December 2001. She majored in elementary education and held many jobs in the education field. She is survived by husband Frank Nelson and three sons.

Christine Spaulding lives in Barrett and travels to Texas for the winter. She has three grandchildren and can be contacted at chrism@runestone.net.

Class of '72

Beverly Anderson works on a government project for the Minnesota Dept. of Health, Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, and the Department of Children, Families, and Learning. Beverly lives in Maple Grove and can be contacted at bj.anderson@state.mn.us.

Adelle Jacoby was a guest on a January *Prairie Yard and Garden* program that explored the use of living snow fences in prairie restoration.

Marvel Griffen Wagner of Morris worked in the minority program at Morris from 1978 until 1990 when she retired. She would love to hear from any of the students she worked with over the years.

Class of '73

Gene Aasen of Lake Ozark, Missouri, worked with nuclear power for 30 years. He is now on permanent disability as a result of Parkinson's Disease. He is married with two children and one grandchild. Contact him at gaasen@aol.com.

Gerald Meyer is the director of rehabilitative services for the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. He lives in Sauk Rapids and can be contacted at gerame@aol.com.

Debra Skolte and Michael Johnson have four children. Michael is the director of material management for the Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Debra works for the Pathology Association.

Brian Nelson and his wife Dawn have been married for 24 years. They have five children—Wade, Bryce, Reid, Derek and Amari—whom they home school. Contact Brian at bnelson@isd.net.

Karen Fox Young Pancoast is a piano teacher, performer and composer in Denver, Colorado. She married Howard Pancoast last year after being widowed for several years. Contact her at karen@heartsoundmusic.com.

Mona Reese received a commission to compose music for the San Jose Chamber Orchestra. Mona and her husband bought a time share in Mexico and enjoy spending time there. She lives in San Jose, California, and can be contacted at themona@sbcglobal.net.

Diane Robinson earned her master's in educational leadership and teaches learning disabled in the Luverne school district. Her husband works in sales. Her son graduated from Carlson School of Management, and her daughter is attending the University of Wisconsin, Stout. Diane can be contacted at diane@robinson@hotmail.com.

Cheryl Ziemer and Gregory Sandberg '77 of Saint Louis Park have three grandchildren.

James Staebler of Fredericksburg, Va., is marketing director at the Rappahannock Mediation Center. He has received the Virginia Supreme Court mediator certification. Contact him at jimstaebler@hotmail.com.

Class of '74

Dwayne and Jeri Bergner Escher welcomed their first grandchild in 2001. They continue to work in the Lake Crystal school district and look forward to retirement. Dwayne and Jeri live in Garden City and can be contacted at Escher@mctcnet.net.

Class of '75

Steven Rambow and wife Janae live in New London with their sons Scott and Jay. Steven is president of Rambow, Inc, a company that sells custom imprinted apparel. Contact Steven at rambow@rambow.com.



Representing the UMM Alumni Association, Don Brabeck '84, UMMAA president, greeted the 2002 graduates during commencement exercises this spring.

Craig Rasmussen lives in Bethesda, Md., and works at Sterling Institute. He provides management and leadership services to federal and state governments across the nation. Craig is active with the Muskie Lodge. He is married and has two children. Contact him at craigras@sterlinginstitute.com.

Randy Ronning had been married for twenty-five years and has a nineteen year-old son. Randy coaches girls and boys tennis in Elk River and at the Daytona Club in the winter. He lives in Champlin.

Jerome Siljendahl has two children. Jerome lives in Duluth and can be contacted at jsiljend@amfam.com.

Scott Turner of Ashby passed away December 2001. He was a music educator at the Ashby Schools, a Promise Keepers member and a music minister at his church. He is survived by wife Marla and their eight children.

Class of '76

Jill Boggs and **Gerrit Cuperus '77** live in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Jill is a cyto-technologist. Contact them at bugsl@osu.com.

James Falk is the owner of Falk's Seed Farm in Murdock.

Donald Hynnek lives on Big Stone Lake by Ortonville with his dog Sam and likes to hunt and fish when he has time.

Mary Jane Hess Keller and **David Keller** have owned the Brookside Resort in Park Rapids for twenty-five years.

Daniel Mardell retired from his principal position in the Roswell, N.M., school district. He moved to Paris, Kentucky, to return to teaching.

Class of '78

Robert Schultz teaches physics, math, and computer science at MACCRAY public school. He lives in Montevideo and can be contacted at schultzb@maxminn.com.

Randy Schwegel continues to teach at Pine River-Backus High School and coaches basketball and football. Randy and his wife have four children. Contact him at rschwegel@prbackus.k12.mn.us.

Soldiers Grove, Wis., is home to **Dean Staffanson**, an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister. Contact him at dstaffan@gundluth.org.

Pamela Veeder performed in *Of Medea Bali* with the Green T Theatre Company. Pamela lives in Saint Paul.

Jeanne and **William Virant** work for the Paynesville School District where they live. Contact them at bvirant@paynesville.k12.mn.us.

Class of '79

Terry Benson of Minneapolis is starting an organization for children.

Robert Foss's son will attend UMD next year. Robert lives in Plymouth. Contact him at rfoss@capitalstreet.biz.

Bruce Franta received his master's at Cornell University and is now with Hormel Food Corporation. He likes to joke that "Spam pays the bills." Bruce has three children and lives in Austin.

Jonathan Ninneman lives in New London with his wife and four daughters. He has been a member of the national guard for the last twenty-seven years. Contact him at ninneman@nls.k12.mn.us.

Class of '80

Kathy Phillips Branstad finished her course work at the Minnesota School of Professional Psychology. She begins her pre-doctoral internship in August in LaCrosse, Wis. Kathy and husband Dave live in Austin with their three teenage children. Contact her as dgbranst@smig.net.

Kirby Frank of Buffalo has three daughters.

Patrick Gromatka's daughter Tara plans to attend UMM starting the fall of 2002. Patrick lives Alexandria.

Thomas Kotval lives in Little Falls with his two daughters. He works as an auditor for the federal government. Contact him at tkotval@brainerd.net.

Agnes Momo Kulu-Banya lives in Somerset, N.J., and has one grandchild.

Al Nelson lives in Chandler, Arizona, where he has not shoveled snow in 20 years. He teaches math at Valley Christian High School. He has coached their volleyball, basketball, and track & field teams to twenty state championships. Contact him at anelson_vchs@hotmail.com.

Cynthia Zins Phipps would like to say "hi" to all the 1980 grads. She lives in Sylva, N.C.

Mary Johnson Power-Ettesvold works part-time as an office assistant for American Express Financial Advisors. Mary became a grandmother last year when twin boys were born to Chris and Jennifer Riley. Mary lives in Morris and can be contacted at efamily@runestone.net.

Cindy Mettling Straka of Hinckley passed away February 2002. She was an elementary teacher at East Central Elementary School in Sandstone. She enjoyed playing sports and her single game scoring record still stands in the Hinckley girls' basketball program. She is survived by two children and her mother.

John Toft has moved back to Alexandria and is keeping busy with his four children's sports activities. He has a chiropractic business and practices a model of natural medicine. Contact him at johntoft@rea-alp.com.

Douglas and **Patricia Larson Turgeon** live in Centerville. Patricia works in the Minnesota Senate with Mady Reite. Douglas works at ITS with Minnesota Department of Health. Contact them at patricia.turgeon@senate.leg.state.mn.us.

Class of '81

Roger Grev and **Donna Toft** live in Columbus, Ohio, with their two children. Roger works for Chemical Abstract Services. Contact them at rgrev@cas.org.

Joyce Kraemer Moldenhauer and husband Mark have three children—Josiah, Zachary and Moria—who are home schooled. They live in Sterling, Alaska, and can be contacted at mmoldenhauer@ideafamilies.org.

Steve Prazak sends the following note: "My wife Vicki and I have lived in Central Oregon High Desert for the past 12 years. We love the dry climate. I still play the flute and sax and have a couple of CDs out. In my spare time I'm the lab director for a water quality laboratory. It's been a long time since I've been called 'Fleet.'" Contact him at svpraz@telport.com.

Daniel Vikstrom and wife Kim have four children. They live in Burnsville and can be contacted at zdav@msn.com.

Class of '82

Alice Domonkos Brunette is retiring after twenty years as an Air Force meteorologist. She plans to stay at home in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and take care of her three young children. Contact her at bruzoo@yahoo.com.

Joel James is assistant manager at Glacial Plains Coop in Benson. Contact him at jjames@glacialplains.com.

Eric Larson lives in Eden Prairie with his wife and five children. He is an insurance agent with American Family Insurance and can be contacted at elarson@amfam.com.

John McCullough is the director at United Health Information. John and wife Sharon have twin boys, Keegan and Connor, born June 2001. They live in Farmington. Contact them at gandalf3@frontiernet.net.

Thomas Nelson lives in Gardiner, Montana, a small town at the north entrance of Yellowstone. Contact him at 276_27838@msn.com.

Bruce and **Sharon Drange Rowan's** son attends UMM, majoring in music. Bruce and Sharon live in Hopkins and can be contacted at jacknate@citilink.com.

Class of '83

Julie Bystol Critz is an elementary school principal in Alexandria. Julie lives in Glenwood.

Todd Olson is the new student affairs associate vice president at Georgetown University. He lives in Springfield, Virginia.

Corey Redfield has joined the UMMC's Carlson School of Management as adjunct professor of finance. He keeps busy with his job at US Bancorp Piper Jaffray, where he offers strategic investment guidance to clients. Corey lives in Minnetonka.

Brian Walker is a fifth grade teacher and head basketball and football coach at Red Rock Central School District. He lives in Sanborn. Contact him at walkerb@rrcnet.org.

Class of '84

Betsy Dean Arceneau of Belgrade had her fourth child, a boy named Caleb born January 2002.

Menomonie, Wisconsin, is home to **John Van Hove**. Contact him at javanhove@cwgingf.com.

Tad Nelson, wife Sue and sons Sam and Ben live in Winter Springs, Florida. Tad works at Traveler's Insurance as a branch manager. Contact him by electronic mail at tadnelson@cfl.rr.com.

Per Nilsen is the pastor of Community of Hope Lutheran Church in Rosemont.

Anthony Williamson would like to say hi to everyone, especially the '79-'83 basketball teams. He lives in Golden Valley and can be contacted at twilliamson@ajasa.com.

Class of '85

Jacqueline Peterson Agnew sends the following note: "I'm married with three children and have been home schooling them for eight years. I'm a church youth leader. I live in Moose Lake and you can e-mail me at gnew4@juno.com."

Jon and **Beth Ziemke Davidann** live in Kaipii, Hawaii. Contact them at jdavidann@hpu.edu.

Bryan Delage of Ortonville was a member of the biathlon event medical staff at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Patrick and **Angela Perron Franey** are back in Morris. Patrick works at Dycast Specialties and at the Morris Community Church. Angela is a science teacher at Morris High School. They have three children and can be contacted at pat&ang@runestone.net.

Sharon Rud Gunder teaches in Woodbury at Valley Crossing Community School. Sharon lives in Stillwater and can be contacted at gunders17@hotmail.com.

Arlin and **Beth Grafenstein Nikolas** live in Park Rapids. Beth is an elementary music teacher in Park Rapids, and Arlin is a professor at Fergus Falls Community College. Contact them at bnikolas@unitelc.com.

Cheryl Johnson Nymann has two children, Adam and Marie. She owns a child-care business and is planning to move back to Minnesota.

Julie Perkins is a licensed massage therapist and has started her own business. She would like to say "hi" to all those UMM jazzers out there. Julie lives in Tucson, Ariz., and can be contacted at bassmusic@rocketmail.com.

Jennifer Hannasch Windsor is married and has two sons, Austin and Sterling. She lives in Spring, Texas.

Robert Wolff and wife had a new baby, Sam, born January 2002. The family lives in Chaska and can be contacted at rrwolff@earthlink.net.

Class of '86

Jen Sutter and **Shawn DuBois** live in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Shawn is the technical director at the University of Northern Iowa's Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. Jen is a placement coordinator for the education department at Waverly College. Contact them at dubois@cfu.net.

Marcia Hesse Rikimoto had her first grandchild, Ameli Louise. She lives in Alberta and can be contacted at marciarikimoto@co.stevens.mn.us.

Class of '87

Pamela Christianson Beyer works with PATH, a foster-care association. She lives in Hoffman and can be contacted at bey@runestone.net.

Cathy Condon Sicard of Mendota Heights has a new e-mail address: condon@peonline.com.

Charice Trittin Deegan is the associate principal of the lower school at Minnehaha Academy. She lives in Saint Paul and can be contacted at thedeegans@msn.com.

Karen Grosland resigned from her AT&T position and is pursuing radiology technology at the College of Saint Catherine. She lives in Maplewood and can be contacted at kgrosland@mediaone.net.

Beth Hallauer's son Ben graduated in May. She lives in Tipp City, Ohio. Contact her at bethh@itlink.com.

Brad and Kari Halverson Hanson '88 live in Monticello. Kari is a fourth grade teacher, and Brad is a high school health and physical education teacher. He coaches baseball, wrestling and football.

Blaine Hill was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Minnesota National Guard. His daughter attends UMM. Blaine lives in Breckenridge and can be contacted at blaine_hill@hotmail.com.

Todd and Julie Danielson Koosman '89 have a new son named Andrew. The family lives in Chaska.

Leigh Marthe lives in Westmoreland, N.H., with her child. She is doing tobacco use prevention work for the state. Contact her at leigh.marthe@mailtag.com.

Mary Eliason Poss has purchased a ranch in western South Dakota. Contact her at mposs35@hotmail.com.

Sharon Smith is a real estate agent with Edina Reality in Roseville. She lives in Saint Paul and can be contacted at smithsharonlee@cs.com.

Class of '88

Paul and Jane Betzler Court '90 live in Cold Spring. They work in the ROCORI School District, where Paul is the wrestling coach. They have two children, Samantha and Max. The Court family can be reached at courtpr@rocori.k12.mn.us.

David Moe has taught for 15 years in the Minnewaska School District. He lives in Glenwood.

Desiree Mims Payne works for the Saint Paul Public School. She has two children and lives in Woodbury. Contact her at desiree.payne@spps.org.

Class of '89

Michelle Reding Basco has three foster children who she will be adopting soon, two boys and a girl. She lives in Hugo and can be contacted at bascopc@msn.com.

Mark Dittman lives in Maplewood with wife Joan and their four children. Their second child, Leo, is battling leukemia. Mark is a freelance writer, a parish administrator at St. Jude of the Lake Church in Mahtomedi and a graduate student in the Catholic studies program at the University of St. Thomas. Contact him at msdittman@catholicexchange.com.

Michael Fritsch of Vermillion, South Dakota, has a new son named Matthew.

Mark and Renee Norberg Foss '92 have a daughter named Marnee Jean. They live in Red Lodge, Montana, and can be contacted at marklovesrenee@aol.com.

Lisa Nordstrom Gjersvik and her husband have three children. Lisa works as a project development director for Agriculture Utilization Research Institute. They live in Alden and can be contacted at lgjersvi@auri.org.

Shannon Jewett is athletic director and head boys basketball coach for the Dupree, S.D., high school. He lives in Eagle Butte. Contact him at jewett@dupreeschool.org.

Steve Lang lives in Alpine, Texas. His daughter Alexis will be the third generation of the Lang family to attend UMM when she starts in the fall of 2002. Grandmother **Edith Lang** graduated in '69. Alexis's mother **Dr. Marlene Jacobson '78** also attended UMM.

Beth Hofland Mahoney is the new Stevens County Social Service Supervisor. The staff handles all child and adult protection cases in the county. Beth lives in Morris.

Belinda Boyer Miller is a full time graduate student at the University of South Dakota pursuing a master's degree in educational administration. She lives in Viborg, South Dakota, and can be contacted at milco@dtgnet.com.

Michael Nelson and wife Amy have three children—Kaycee, Alex and Ben. Michael teaches in the Pequot Lakes School District, and Amy is working on her master's degree. They live in Nisswa and can be contacted at mnelson@pequotlakes.k12.mn.us.

Cynthia Kroona Paulson and husband Jay have two daughters, Katie and Hannah. Cynthia has her master's degree and has been teaching in Willmar, where she has lived for 11 years. Contact her at kroona4@charter.net.

Donald and Barbara Bush Paulson '90 live in Redfield, S.D., where they both work at the public school. Contact them at barb.paulson and don.paulson@k12.sd.us.

Janelle Schwagerl Tritz lives in Dumont with husband David and daughter Anna. Please email her at whiskers@traversenet.com.

Tom VanErp teaches at Wadena-Deer Creek High School. He is the head boys basketball coach and assistant football coach. He and his wife have three boys—Evan, Andrew and Nick. Contact them at vanerp@wcta.net.

Class of '90

Clair Angland and wife Cindy bought a lake home near Alexandria. The two have started a new production business. They have a son named Carter. Contact them at canglang@midwestinfo.net.

Adam Copeland of Saint Paul was selected to be the first alternate for the United States Institute of Peace. The program was created by Congress to help educators design a national curriculum for conflict resolution. Twenty-seven teachers from across the country were selected to participate.

Isle is home to **Deanne Anderson Flom** who has a daughter named Reanna. Contact Deanne at dflom@isle.k12.mn.us.

Diane Middendorf Gillingham has two daughters, Elizabeth and Emily. They live in Minneota. Contact Diane at dgillingham@minneota_isd414.org.

Jon Gubrud and wife Darcy had their first child, Kathryn, born May 2001. The family lives in Willmar and can be contacted at gubrud@avalun.net.

Eric Haugan lives in Ellensburg, Washington, where he enjoys snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Debra Wynn Larson of Alden is working on her master's degree in education at Southwest State University.

Keith Lipinski finished his master's degree. He has four children—Kelsey, Nathan, Luke and Joseph James. He lives in Big Lake. Keith can be contacted by electronic mail at keilip@stfrancis.k12.mn.us.

Kimberly Stark-Wroblewski and **Dave Wroblewski '91** live in Warrensburg, Missouri, with new daughter Rachel. Kimberly is an assistant professor of psychology at Central Missouri College. Dave works for the Center for Human Services in Cedalia, Missouri. Contact them at starkcmsul@cmsu.edu.

Brian and Kelly Oster Toso live in Little Falls. They have three children. Brian works at G & F Services. Kelly is assistant manager at a retail store. Contact them at tosobnk@fallsnet.com.

Class of '91

William and Beth Schumacher Breiter '92 had a baby girl, Linnea Marie, in Sept. 2001. They live in Minneapolis and can be contacted at wbreiter@soils.umn.edu.

Deborah Suter Grussing is married with four children and two grandchildren. She is a social worker living in Clara City. Contact her at buff@edmail.com.

Michael Head and wife Kirsten have a boy named Alexander and are expecting another child. Michael is a chiropractor. They live in Saint Paul and can be contacted at headdc@excite.com.

Bridgette Poss Holl was married in November. She lives in Ada and can be contacted at bridgetteh@ada.k12.mn.us.

Martha Jorgensen McDowell and her husband are expecting their second child. They live in Iliamna, Alaska, and can be contacted at mmcdowell@lpsd.com.

Dawn Franklin and **Rodney Mord** live in Grand Forks with their two children.

Julie Dettman Noe lives in Lakeville. She home schools her three children—Isaac, Ester and Caleb. Contact her at richnoe@minn.net.

David and **Kelly Paquin Notch** have two children, Michael and Katie. Kelly is a stay-at-home mom. David works for Westgroup as principal architect. They live in Hastings. Contact them at kelly@cybermarket.com.

Dan Pink lives in Forest Lake with Claudia Staker and their baby, Hanna Nicole.

Jeffrey Richert and wife Maria live in South Minneapolis with their two sons, Joe and Isaac. Jeffrey is a teacher.

Barbara Riley of Kerkhoven is an insurance agent at Kerkhoven Insurance Agency.

Burnsville is home to **Christine Skarp, Lee Behrens '92** and daughter Genevieve.

Gerri Swiers and husband Joe welcomed their fifth child, Laney, in Aug. 2001. Their older children are: Lindsey, Bailey, Casey and Ty. They live in Bejou.

Todd Young was married August 2001 to Jamie. The couple lives in Wayne, Nebraska, and can be contacted at toyoung1@wsc.edu.

Class of '92

Nancy Helmer and **Charles Berry '90** were married January 2000. Nancy is in her second year of law school at William Mitchell College of Law in Saint Paul. They live in Cottage Grove and can be contacted by electronic mail at cberry@cpinternet.com.

Jean Fellbaum Braun's daughter Madelyn Paige was born Feb. 2002. Jean works in the Robbinsdale School District as the enrichment coordinator at Meadow Lake Elementary. Madelyn and sister Taylor live with mom in Ramsey. Jean can be contacted at jean_braun@rdale.k12.mn.us.

Twins Abigail Marie and Benjamin Steven were born to **Diana Pogatchnik Cermak** in January 2002. She lives in Galasburg, Illinois, and can be contacted by electronic mail at dcermak@knox.edu.

Tim Diem and wife Toni welcomed son William Timothy in April 2002. Tim is assistant director of bands at UMMC. The family lives in Apple Valley and can be contacted at twilliam1968@netscape.net.

Andrea Nordaune Dreier was married in July 2001 and is expecting her first child. She lives in Eden Prairie and can be contacted at andrea.dreier@district196.org.

Tonya Carlson Eide lives in Covington, Kentucky, with husband Steve and daughter Emma.

Sheri Jacob Fakhreddine teaches fourth grade in Saint Cloud. She has one boy and another child on the way. She lives in Becker. Contact her at fakhred@sherbtel.net.

Bruce Forsyth writes: "After completing my Ph.D. in 1999, I went to work for 3M in Saint Paul. I research charged aerosol particles for the pharmaceutical division. My wife **Nicole Nelson '94** and I are enjoying our son Jonah Riley born December 2000. Perhaps a future UMM Cougar someday." Contact them at brforsyth@mmm.com.

Morris is home to **Pamela Christiansen Gades** who received her master's degree in liberal studies in May 2001 from the UMMC. Contact her at pam@mrs.umn.edu.

Timothy "TJ" Goulet has transferred to Philadelphia with his job as an AFLAC district manager. He lives in Langhorne, Pa., and can be contacted at goulettj@cs.com.

Charlotte Sharphol Hoffmann and her husband have three children. Charlotte is teaching math in Morgan and

dairy farming. They live in Morgan and can be contacted at charh@mmtm.org.

Lucinda Livingston Hochsprung is married to Loren Hochsprung. She is an activities coordinator at a seniors facility. Lucinda lives in Minneapolis and would like to give a big "howdy" to everyone.

Elizabeth Hoffman completed her Doctorate of Musical Arts in flute performance at the University of Oregon on March 24, 2001—and married Patrick Dixon the same day! Elizabeth teaches music appreciation and flute performance studies at Lane Community College. Elizabeth would love to hear from classmates. Contact her at fluteliz1@cs.com.

Julie Fellbaum Hubbs and husband Kurt's twin boys, Dylan and Evan, were born in April 2002. The family lives in Greenfield and can be contacted at kjhubbs@msn.com.

Kelly and Anne Skorjanec Larson '93 have two daughters, Kayleigh and Kiera. They live in Saint Cloud and can be contacted at klarson011@msn.com.

Jennifer Main of Minneapolis is married to UMM alum **Jon Hamlow '94**.

Marcus and Michele Ling Max '94 live in Hutchinson with children Mitchell and Hannah. Marc is a senior financial advisor for American Express, and Michele is a stay-at-home mom. Contact Marcus and Michele at mmax@hutchtel.net.

Jeffrey and Erin Karels McCoy had a son, Isaac John, in Sept. 2001. They live in Alexandria and can be contacted at jemccoy@rea-alp.com.

Alan Muezenmay has two children, August and Gustav. He works as a teacher and lives in Clive, Iowa.

Jennifer Nietz has a son named Ben and is expecting another child. She is attending school for dental hygiene.

Awilda Wilson and David Olson live in Lawrence, Kan. David is working on his master's degree in education administration at the University of Kansas. Contact them at dajkolson@aol.com.

Debra Scheibel writes: "The past ten years in Denver, Colo., have been great. Thanks Dr. Gary McGrath for all your training. I've had a major career highlight working for the governor's office and planning an event with Bill Gates. Email me at dmscheib@cs.com."

Class of '93

Debra Van Dam Belaen and husband have a son. They live in Minneota and can be contacted at belaen@starpont.net.

Diane Lotzer Broksieck had a son, Trent Thomas, in May 2001. Trent joins brother Tate in Brookings, S.D., where the family lives. Contact them at debroksieck@hotmail.com.

Elizabeth Schuneman Carle has four children and teaches at Globe College. She lives in North Saint Paul and can be contacted at eacarle@juno.com.

Mary Ann Torchy Doschadis of Fargo, N.D., sings in *A cappella Express*, a women's chorus. The chorus was one of thirty selected from 600 groups from around the world that competed at the international level. Contact Mary Ann at torchy@fmrealestate.com.

Deron Dunkley of Onamia is the new commissioner of finance for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

James and Tiffany Robb Eidem welcomed new baby Audrey in July 2001. The family lives in Maple Grove and can be contacted at jeidem@geomatrix.com.

Stuart Farm is a graduate student at the University of North Dakota working towards a master's degree in mathematics. He teaches algebra at the college. Stuart lives in Argyle. Contact him at stuart.farm@und.nodak.edu.

Heidi Hedman and Jeremy Frie had their first child, Anna Mae, in January 2002. They live in Horace, North Dakota, and can be contacted at hfrie@gwmail.nodak.edu.

Douglas Frazey is a sales engineer for Watch Guard Incorporated. He lives in Crystal with wife Hillary and daughter Katrina. Contact him at dcfrazey@qmail.com.

Ronald Hanson is an English teacher at KMS Junior High. He plays in a classic rock band called *The Tempted*. Ronald lives in Benson and has just bought a house.

Aaron Holum and wife Jennifer were married in October 2001. They live in Huntington Beach, California, and can be contacted at alholum@mmm.com.

Anthony Huml and his wife welcomed a son, Jack, born in June 2001. Anthony works at a charter high school in Janesville where the family lives. Contact him at tjhuml95@jvlnet.com.

Kevin Jensen and wife Alice have a daughter named Lindsey and are expecting another child. Kevin teaches and coaches wrestling in the Rush City School District. Contact the family at kjensen@rushcity.k12.mn.us.

Edward Kelm, wife Nancy, and daughters Leah and Amber live in Prior Lake.

Valerie Neal Koss and her husband have three children—Rachel, Nicolas and Riley. Valerie is a stay-at-home mom and is enjoying it. The family now lives in Anoka and can be contacted at kossdv@aol.com.

Gregg and Stacy Rust Martig have three children—Jake, Max and Kate. Gregg is a coach and teacher at Saint Cloud Tech High School. Stacy is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Saint Cloud and can be contacted at gregg.martig@isd742.org.

Meredith McGrath moved back to Minneapolis to work for the University of Minnesota. Contact her at Meredith-mcgrath@yahoo.com.

Mark McNamer of New Hope had a baby girl in May 2001. Contact him at mcnamer1@aol.com.

Ann Michels of Minneapolis is active in the Twin Cities theatre scene and singing with *The George Maurer Jazz Group*. Ann misses her UMM friends and can be contacted at amichels@lssmn.org.

Eric Roe works at Digital River in Eden Prairie. His daughter Camille was born in Sept. 2001. He lives in Saint Paul and can be contacted at solroe@ties.k12.mn.us.



Bud Rentz

active member of the West Central Educational Development Association and lobbied vigorously in 1996, 1998 and 2000 on behalf of the Morris Science Project. Rentz served on UMM's Campaign Minnesota Volunteer Executive Committee, chairing the Morris Area Campaign Committee with Warren Anderson '73.

Bud Rentz was a proud and devoted UMMer known for his energy, dedication and quick wit. He was a good friend of UMM and will be deeply missed.

Delmar (Bud) Rentz, alumnus, community leader and longtime UMM supporter died on August 3, 2002, at the Morris Courage Cottage following a battle with cancer.

Rentz was active in the early establishment of UMM and joined the Presidents Club in 1984. He graduated from UMM in 1993. His sons John '88, Paul '75 and Stephen '70 also graduated from UMM, as did his daughter-in-law, Wanda Kopel Rentz '72. Several grandchildren are also UMMers. Rentz was an

Marla Boone Strei and husband Richard have two daughters, Hannah and Natalie Ruth. Marla teaches kindergarten at Bellingham Elementary School. The family built a home on Big Stone Lake. Contact them at dmstreit@fedteldirect.net.

Spencer and Tonya Pietruszewski Tiernan live in Morris. They converted the former Peterson Funeral Home building into a center for Living Waters Ministry. Contact them at lwaters3@juno.com.

Christine Chapman Thompson and Jeff Thompson live in Farmington with children Isobel and Adrienne Christine. Jeff works at the Minnesota Attorney General's office as assistant attorney general. Chris works as a systems analyst for General Mills. They can be contacted at cchapmanthompson@hotmail.com.

Karen Wienke of Saint Paul received a graduate degree in counseling and is teaching in the Twin Cities area.

Montevideo is home to **Catalina Worden** who has received her master's degree in educational leadership. Contact her at worden_dbhs@yahoo.com.

Class of '94

Luanne Blok Angelo and husband Ron have three daughters—Acacia, Annika and Anastasia. They live in Phillips, Wisconsin, and can be contacted at kodipuppy@yahoo.com.

Jason Bolden just finished his residency in emergency medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. He has accepted a position at the Washington, D. C., Hospital Center as an emergency medicine faculty. Jason lives in New York, New York, and can be contacted at jboldenmd@yahoo.com.

Jill Davis Buer is expecting a child. She lives in Madison and can be contacted at sjbuer@farmerstel.net.

Scott Carlson and Judy Schreifels '95 live in Saint Paul. Scott works for Seren Innovation. Contact them at carls173@tc.un.edu.

Tamara Marwitz Furth and husband Mike welcomed son Samuel David in March 2002. They live in New Ulm and can be contacted at tamara.furth@mail.madeli.edu.mn.

Jason and Rebecca Batalden Heikkila adopted a baby boy, Joseph, in July 2001. They live in Canton, S.D., and can be contacted at rebecca_h_@hotmail.com.

Vicki Schuft Herrmann, husband Corey, and daughters Layne and Rhyann live in Brownton. Contact Vicki at herrmann@hotchtel.net.

Madison is home to **Andrew Laufers** who is engaged to Joanne Wahl. Contact Andrew at alauffers@frontiernet.net.

Jacqueline Riss Mangieri is pursuing her Ph.D. at Capella University and is enjoying teaching and learning. She lives in Chandler, Ariz., and can be contacted at mjmani@prodigy.net.

Angela Mahlberg and Patrick McLaughlin live in Lakeville. Angela works at Carlton College as assistant director of campus activities. Patrick works for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. They have a two year-old dog, Daphne, and can be contacted at thisangela@yahoo.com.

Sally Kvern Phillips is working on her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Miami University in Ohio. She is starting an internship at Northwestern Medical School in Chicago. She lives in Oxford, Ohio. Sally can be contacted by electronic mail at kvernsn@miaxv1.acs.muohio.edu.

Ole Robert was born to **Kimberly Koskiniemi Sandry** in October 2001. She lives in Clara City and can be contacted at tksandry@hcinet.net.

Sun Prairie, Wis., is home to **John Schultz** and his wife. They are expecting a child.

Jed Smith teaches and coaches at the Rosemount High School. He is married and lives in Burnsville.

David and Anne Hudec Voight welcomed their second child, Jack, in June 2002. Son Karl, who is two years old, is adjusting well to the newcomer. Anne is at home with the boys. Dave works as controller/senior director of finance at Carlson Leisure Group. They live in Prior Lake. Contact the family at electronic mail address: ann.voight@mcshi.com.

Rhonda Fjestad and **Carl Watkins** live in Fargo, North Dakota, and have been married since 1994. They have a daughter Lauren born in Sept. 2001. Carl is a production manager at Dakota Molding, and Rhonda is a transportation underwriter at Bjurnson/Sentinel. Contact them at cnrwatkins@fargocity.com.

Class of '95

Shelby Ehrenberg built a home in Chandler, Arizona. She travels a lot for her job as a generalist for Honeywell. Shelby is planning a travel adventure to Spain and Portugal. Contact Shelby by electronic mail at: shelby.ehrenberg@honeywell.com.

Kendall Heitzman was at Dartmouth College working towards a master's degree in comparative literature. This fall he moves to Yale University to start his Ph.D. in Japanese literature. He lives in Fridley and can be contacted at kendallheitzman@yahoo.com.

Sarah Gauff is a loan officer at the brokerage firm of Gabriel Financial Group in Mendota Heights. She lives in Apple Valley and would love to hear from you at gauffsa@yahoo.com.

Gary Lind works as a mortgage banker/broker. He built a log home on Big Pine Lake by Finlayson where he likes to go boating, ride his snowmobile and enjoy the beauty of the lake. He lives in Apple Valley and can be contacted at gary@financingyourhome.com.

Joel and Shanyn Bain Pautzke '97 live in Maple Grove. Joel works at Lutheran Brotherhood as an applications developer. Shanyn works at Prudential as a quality assurance specialist. Contact Joel and Shanyn at bainpautzke@msn.com.

Talitha Sannes-Venhuizen has graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences with a doctor of medicine degree. She will begin the family medicine residency program in Saint Cloud.

Jay and Rebecca Hueth Smith live in Alexandria, Va., with boys Drew and Josh. Jay finished his Ph.D. in physical chemistry at Purdue. He now works in Washington, D. C., as a defense analyst. Becky celebrated Jay's "real job" by taking a break to stay at home with the boys. Contact them at podsmith@hotmail.com.

Class of '96

Kathleen Kinyon Atwell and husband Dave welcomed Anessa Grace in May 2002. Kathleen works at Ceptyr, a pre-IPO biotech company. The family lives in Seattle, Washington, and can be contacted by electronic mail at kathleen_atwell@hotmail.com.

Charles Binsfeld of Minneapolis is expecting a child. Contact him at cwbinsfeld@juno.com.

Brendan Bogart and wife Tracy of South Haven have a daughter named Mattison.

Patricia Burns is the business manager with the Morris Sun Tribune and is really enjoying her work. She lives in Hancock and can be contacted at dburns@fedtel.net.

Bridget Kimmes Crabtree and **Eric Crabtree** have a daughter named Lauren. Eric works at Virginia Mason Hospital as a first-year resident. The family lives in Mount Lake Terrace, Washington, and can be contacted at ecrabtree@lenti.med.umn.edu.

Tara Montzka Engelbrecht had her second child. She lives in Alexandria. Contact her at engek@rea-alp.com.

Mark George is a third year medical student at UMTc. He lives in Minneapolis and can be contacted at geor0040@tc.umn.edu.

Christopher and **Jolene Welu Hjelmberg '95** live in Savage and just had their second child. Chris is a program administrator at BI in Edina. Jolene is a construction accountant for PCL Construction Services in Burnsville. Contact them at hjelmberg@yahoo.com.

Anthony Scheler is married to **Dana Salk '98**. They live in Milaca and are enjoying life with their two children.

Newly-married **Holly Norling Setahor** will be moving to N.C. Contact her at hnorling@lgmar.colostate.edu.

Patti Sjostrom Strukel and husband Joe welcomed son Grant Jonathan in June 2001. They live in Fairmont and can be contacted at pstrukel@fairmont.k12.mn.us.

Alissa Swenson married Cal Jorgenson in October 2001. They work for American Express and live in New Hope. She would love to hear from her friends; contact her at grace1255@yahoo.com.

Melissa Bjerk Trom and husband Andrew welcomed daughter Olivia Anne in May 2002. They live in Anoka and can be contacted at trom21@netzero.com.

Kimberly Veches built a new house in Monticello. Contact her at veches@yhao.com.

Jeanne Oslund and **Jeffrey Vogel '97** welcomed a daughter in January 2002. They live in Saint Cloud and can be contacted at vogelje@juno.com.

Class of '97

Madeline Anderson teaches k-12 music at Chokio-Alberta Schools. She lives in Barrett and can be contacted at mda@runestone.net.

"My wife, **Shelly Backman**, and I live in Watertown. I teach third grade and coach football, wrestling and baseball. Shelly is a lawyer with Best Buy Corporation," writes **Kurt Becker**.

Andrew and **Mary Holewa Bobst** have moved from the Philadelphia area to rural Montana. Andrew works with the United States government as a hydrologist, and Mary works for the Eastern Plains WIC Program. Contact them at mbobst@state.mt.us.

"I live in Albertville and work in Fridley as the director of professional services for a Learning Content Management System software company," writes **Kelly Kruzel Braaten**.

Rachael Holt and **Michael Bragge '98** have two children, Elijah and Chloe. They live in Saint Cloud and can be contacted at bragges@netzero.net.

Dawn Busch married Carl Manske in November 2001. She finished her master's degree from Carlson School of management and works at Polaris Industries. She lives in Minneapolis and can be contacted at dawn_busch@yahoo.com.

Erin Casey married Matthew Steen on August 2001 in Montevideo. They live in Santa Clarita, Calif. Erin has begun pursuing a LCSW at the UCLA's School of Public Policy & Social Welfare.

Luz Cifuentes is attending the University of St. Thomas for a master's degree in business administration. She has a summer internship as a buyer at General Mills. Luz is engaged to Elias Russell. She lives in Minneapolis and can be contacted at mnpugrescue@yahoo.com.

Lael and Jenna Erickson Daire enjoy life in Rochester. Lael works at IBM and travels internationally to work with customers. Soccer continues to be a year-round sport for him. He enjoyed World Cup "hype" on a recent trip to visit family in Japan. Jenna teaches at Quarry Hill Nature Center, focusing on preschool environmental education and grant writing. Contact them at Jenna.D@att.net.

Ross and Lisa Hollermann Dierkhising live in Rochester. Ross works at the Mayo Clinic as a M.S. statistician, and Lisa is a staff software engineer at IBM. Daughter Amber was born March 2001.

Rob and Kelly Nelson Doohen write, "It has been a crazy summer for us. Rob graduated from the University of South Dakota Medical School in May. We moved to Brooklyn Center in June, and he began his residency in general surgery at Hennepin County Medical Center. May 27th our son, Noah Robert, was born."

Sarah Berg Eadie and family moved to Charlottesville, Va., where her husband is serving a CONUS deployment at the National Ground Intelligence Center. He was recalled to active duty from the inactive reserves in March. Sarah is hoping to teach middle school chorus in the fall. Daughter Reagan Riley will start kindergarten this fall.

"I graduated from North Dakota State University with a doctor of pharmacy degree and will be practicing in the

Twin cities with Walgreens. I live in Mound and my new email address is blepharmd@yahoo.com," writes **Brian Entinger**.

Stacie Frieler received her master's degree in education from Saint Mary's University. She is busy planning a wedding. She lives in Elk River and can be contacted at stacie.frieler@princeton.k12.mn.us.

"I was recently promoted to implementation coordinator in the Technology Services Division at Target. I also bought a house and am living in Columbia Heights. When possible, I've been traveling across the U.S. I can be reached at tim.hardy@target.com and would like to hear from other UMMers!" writes **Tim Hardy**.

Jen Hauck lives in Arlington, Va., and does national fundraising and development for two-year colleges with the Council for Resources Development.

Nicole Herdina has left Maine and is traveling in Costa Rica and in the U.S. before moving to Northampton, Mass. Her email is herdinna25@hotmail.com.

Brandon Hoffmann owns a small shop called Fine Folk located on Laurel St. in downtown Brainerd where he lives. He can be contacted at brandonlee5@hotmail.com.

Margaret Jeffers holds the position of Research Library Administrative Assistant at the Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis.

Kerry Kennedy Jimenez was married April 2001. She is general manager for Awards Baking. She lives in Minneapolis. Contact her at kerry@kennedyjimenez.com.

Andy Johnson is a national account manager with Black and Decker. He is working towards an MBA at the U of M Carlson School of Management and playing beer league hockey.

Eric Johnson is working on his Ph.D. in English at Purdue University. He lives in West Lafayette, Indiana, and can be contacted at johnso47@purdue.edu.

"I'm alive in Floodwood with my husband Eric and our children, Lauren and Kennedy. I work at a law firm in Duluth. Feel free to e-mail me anytime at mrsjx2@yahoo.com," writes **Kandi Johnson**.

Alison Kennedy lives in Seattle, Wash., and is having fun playing the viola in an orchestra. Contact her at agentkennedy@hotmail.com.

Jason Lina has resigned from his position as editor of the *Morris Sun and Tribune* and will be attending law school.

Janel McGuire and **Robert Kess '98** welcomed son Caleb in May 2001. Robert is attending dental school. They live in Minneapolis.

"I am going on five years with Wells Fargo Financial and recently accepted a promotion to district manager. I oversee personnel, business and operations in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. I just bought a home in Mount Laurel, NJ, and hope to get on the good side of *The Sopranos*. For those of you who are wondering about good ole' 4343, it will soon be just a memory but will never leave our hearts!" writes **Jason Kohler**.

Saint Clair is home to **Michelle Mathiason** who just got back from South Africa where she was working with the Peace Corps. Contact her at mmathiason@excite.com.

"This past year I was married and finished a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry. I live in the Phoenix area but will soon be moving to Cartagena, Spain," writes **Michelle Nahorniak**.

"Just a quick note to say 'hi!,'" says **Joy Nelson** who is an assistant manager. Email her at Joynelson@lycos.com.

Peter Olson and **Amy Skog '98** are married, have one son—Carl Peter—, a dog, two station wagons and a house near Hamline University. "That's about as domestic as you can get. I am an elementary school teacher and just finished my master's of education at the U of M, Twin Cities. Amy is a job coach for people with developmental disabilities. Life is grand!" writes Peter.

Shari Petersen of Farwell is a first grade teacher at District 206 in Alexandria. She has finished her master's degree.

Shannon Rhatigan of Cottage Grove works at the Columbus Zoo. Contact her at yobosay01@hotmail.com.

Jason Schommer writes, "I moved to Plymouth. I am roommates with **Jen Furan '97**. I am working in theatre—still!"

Eric Single is a paramedic with Gold Cross Ambulance in Saint Cloud.

Kimberly Anderson Small writes, "I live in Naperville, Ill., with husband James and son Jonah who was born in March 2001. We are expecting our second child. I practice law. James is making an exciting move in his air traffic control career from Chicago Midway Airport's tower to his career goal of Chicago O'Hare's tower in October. We will have a busy fall!!!"

Joy Springborg is an information services employee at Schwan's where her project team received the Schwan's President's Award for developing new financial reporting. Joy lives in Marshall with her husband Chad.

Chris Stenzel is a dentist in Owatonna. "I plan to move to Rochester next year where our practice will be opening a new office. I play golf every day."

Jill Pollard Stephens and husband **Brent '96** live in Omaha, Neb., with daughter Josie. Jill will receive an MBA from Creighton University in December. You can reach Brent and Jill at bj1520@aol.com.

Joy Burrows and **Brian Symalla '96** live in Woodbury with daughters Hannah and Emma. Joy is a stay-at-home mom, and Brian is a manager in the IS department at Lawson Software in St. Paul. They can be contacted at symallajb@attbi.com.

"I moved into my new house in Milaca. I'm still serving at Estes Brook Evangelical Free Church as youth pastor and loving it. It's been a tremendous blessing!" writes **Kyung Don Tak**.

Nancy Thedin is working towards her master's degree at the UMTC. She lives in Minneapolis and can be contacted at turtletigger@aol.com.

Amanda Huseeth VanDoorn and Bob VanDoorn were married January 2002 in New Zealand. Her parents and sister **Becky Huseeth Smith '95** were in attendance. Amanda is a secretary at Gillette Children's Hospital, and Bob works at 3M. They live in Stillwater and can be contacted at ahuseeth@gillettechildrens.com.

Karla Humbert VanDrehle has finished her master's degree in education. Karla and new daughter Megan live in Champlin.

Rochester is home to **Brenda Aker Wilcox** and **Craig Wilcox** who welcomed a daughter to their family in November 2001. Contact them at cwilcox@chartermi.net.

Mick Yanke and wife Grace live in Cokato where he teaches social studies and coaches football. Grace is the gymnastics coach and a fitness trainer. Feel free to drop Mick a line at Micky@sh.dc.k12.mn.us.

Ryan and Jennifer Fudge Zick '99 live in St. Louis Park. Ryan works for the Target Corporation as an environmental specialist. Jen recently joined Reside, LLC, handling sales and marketing for their Web Services Division. "We'd love to hear from friends and classmates. Write us at rzick@mn.rr.com and jzick@mn.rr.com."

Class of '98

Frederick Ballew is planning to be married. He lives in Bloomington. Contact Frederick at electronic mail address: fballew@bloomington.k12.mn.us.

Gina Beyer is a substitute teacher in the Mankato-area school districts. She has been working at the Sylvan Learning Center and volunteering at a local shelter organizing recreation activities. She is looking for a full time teaching job. She would like the elementary education majors of 1998 to write her at arorae2@hotmail.com so that she can write a newsletter.

Jody Blindauer is acting and directing in the Twin Cities and will be starting an artists' community center. She is also planning to get married. She lives in Minneapolis and can be contacted at jodyblindauer@hotmail.com.

Sara Carstensen lives in South Korea where she teaches English. She has a daughter, Serena, who was born in August 2001. When in the United States, she lives in Sturgis, South Dakota, and can be contacted at taniqua8@hotmail.com.

Erin Capps-Tristain and her husband welcomed a son in March 2002. They live in Burnsville and can be contacted at mtristain@yahoo.com.

Bradley Dahl has married. He teaches third grade in Greenbush, where he also lives. Contact him at bddahl@greenbush.k12.mn.us.

Louise Ferry of Benson received her master's degree in Adlerian psychotherapy and counseling from Alfred Adler Graduate School in Hopkins.

Melanie Larson Foster and husband Joe welcomed a son, Mason Philip, in October 2001. The family lives in Saint Paul.

Jessica Fuder was married in Sept. 2001. She is director of the Great Plains Zoo and the Deldridge Museum. She lives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and can be contacted at jessicafuder@hotmail.com.

Christina Larson graduated this spring from the U of M College of Medicine with her doctorate of veterinarian medicine. She lives in Saint Paul and can be contacted at larsoncm@umn.edu.

Jennifer Streff Moran of Minneapolis was married in October 2001.

Tammy Nelson is doing environmental education at Slide Ranch near San Francisco.

Gretchen Nettleton is attending the New England Culinary Institute and completing a six-month internship at a dude ranch in Montana.

Ross Olson and **Jennifer Hettig '99** were married in June 2001. They live in Watertown, South Dakota, and can be contacted at rossmolson@hotmail.com.

Amy Gingrich and **Matthew Schultz** live in Roseville with their son Abijah. Matt graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School this spring. Amy is a system analyst programmer for the Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation. Contact them at aschultz13@hotmail.com.

Kalynn Schultz married Christopher Wilson in July 2001. She is enrolled in the neuroscience program at Michigan State University. She lives in Lansing, Mich., and can be contacted at schulzk4@msu.edu.

Benjamin Swanson graduated with a master's in divinity from the Fuller Theological Seminary. He lives in Alhambra, California. Contact Benjamin at bandjswanson@netsero.net.

Erin Thomas-Folkins has been married to Eric Folkins for two years. Erin and Eric are planning to buy a house in the near future. Erin teaches 5th grade in the Garden Grove Unified School District. They live in Irvine, Calif., and can be contacted at erinfolkins@hotmail.com.

Andrea VanEngelenhoven received her master's degree from Western Michigan University. She lives in Kalamazoo Mich. and can be contacted at andreavane2001@yahoo.com.

Latoya Yarber Wilkes and husband Reginald welcomed a daughter, Zahria, born in August 2001. They live in Saint Louis Park.

Rachel Davis Woods was married January 2001. Her first child, Ja'hen Michael Woods, was born in Oct. 2001. She lives in Chicago, Ill.

Class of '99

Julie Brotzler graduated from the U of M Law School this spring and is planning her wedding. She lives in Roseville and can be contacted at brotzler@yahoo.com.

Kristin Erickson Dahlen works as a program assistant at FCAS North, a day treatment center for mentally ill adolescents. She lives in Burnsville and can be contacted at jkdahlen@msn.com.

Jessica Forbes graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School this spring and plans to work as an associate at Dorsey & Whitney. She lives in Grove City and can be contacted at jjforbes@students.wisc.edu.

Elizabeth Board Geary and **Kieran Geary** were married in September 1999 and reside in Minneapolis. Contact them at kgeary@pella.com.

Thomas Hiatt is a resident of Morris. He does home schooling, writes for the local newspaper and plays the bass. Contact him at hiattthomas@hotmail.com.

Joelle Ince of Shakopee works as a program coordinator and is going back to school.

Jeff Knutson of Hopkins can be contacted at 952-938-7466 or 651-334-6327.



UMM alumni teach Henjum Creative Study Institute classes

Over 75 junior high and high school students participated in the 2002 Henjum Creative Study Institute at UMM in June. The Institute offers motivated students from throughout west central Minnesota a unique summer learning experience. Outstanding teachers provide opportunities for students to create, explore, interact and expand their perspectives in the areas of raku pottery, jazz ensemble, theater arts, creative writing, web design, alternative photography, printmaking and radio broadcasting. Five UMM alumni shared their talents this year with Creative Study students: David Johnson '84, theatre; Jess Larson '92, photography; Kevin Flicker '74, ceramics; Lisa Reese Berdan '88, creative writing; and Christina Seyfried '00, (pictured above with students, seated on right) vocal music and jazz ensemble.

Lisa General works at Native American Community Services of Erie and Niagara Counties. She lives in Niagara Falls, New York, and can be contacted at yme14305@yahoo.com.

Kristen Koob is moving to Saipan. She will be teaching 4th grade at a private Catholic school. You can reach her at hzogal176@yahoo.com.

Clare Lane is engaged to Dr. Brian Johnson. She works as an assistant manager at the Gap. She lives in Rochester and would love to hear from all her Morris friends at babybunny69@hotmail.com.

Katie Milbradt works as marketing director at Master Mark Plastics, a company that recycles over one billion plastic bottles per year that are converted into home improvement items. She lives in Saint Cloud and can be contacted at katiemilbradt@yahoo.com.

Salvador Monteagudo is a consumer counselor at Ravenwood group home and pursuing a career in the ministry. He lives in Morris and can be contacted at saldapal@usa.net.

Mollie Mohr received a master's degree in school guidance counseling from St. Cloud State University.

Amanda Eidsvoog Norman and **Ravi Norman '98** live in Hopkins with daughter Sydney. Amanda works part-time at Saint David School in Minnetonka. Ravi works at Highland Bank and is the coach for Edina traveling basketball teams. They can be contacted at anorman27@msn.com or ravinorman169@msn.com.

Kirsten Olsen is a sociology graduate student at Ohio State University. She lives in Columbus, Ohio, and can be contacted at olsenkh@hotmail.com.

Breanna Olson is a case manager at Prairie Correctional Facility in Appleton. She would like to get a bunch of UMMers together on Oct. 18 in White Bear Lake. If you know her you are invited! She lives in Madison and can be contacted at breanna.olson@correctionscorp.com.

Bakersfield, Calif., is home to **Mitchel Olson** who is a teacher. Contact him at mitchel_olson@khsd.k12.ca.us.

Becky Perkins works at the Twin Cities campus as a patient accounting supervisor. At night she is taking classes in the MBA program at Carlson School of Management. She lives in Minneapolis and can be contacted at bperkins55418@yahoo.com.

Tricia Rohloff's son, Jackson, was born April 2001. She lives in Morris. Contact her at tricia_rohloff@hotmail.com.

Benjamin and **Sara Englund Rossow '00** live in Bemidji with daughter Emma Zoe, born Aug. 2001. Ben teaches 9-12 grade English at Bemidji High School, and Sara is director of Kinship, a non-profit mentoring program. Contact them at sara_rossow@hotmail.com and brossow@bemidji.k12.mn.us.

Greg Thompson works at UMM Student Activities. He is building a house in Starbuck. Greg had a baby in October 2001 and is soon to be married.

Sarah Wanke of Montevideo had a boy, Michael Andrew, born November 2001.

Emily Willett works at General Mills in Golden Valley. She lives in Hopkins and can be contacted at emilywillett@hotmail.com.

Andrea Wojtanowicz lives in Saint Paul.

Nicole Zenner works at Best Buy Advertising as a media buyer. She lives in Hopkins and can be contacted at nicole.zenner@bestbuy.com.

Class of '00

Danaj Edmond has found his dream job in the Washington, D. C., NBC news bureau which supports MSNBC, CNBC, The Today Show and Nightly News. He works closely with Pete Williams, Andrea Mitchell and Bob Hager. He will be moving to the Nightly News with Tom Brokaw soon. He does some producing and has interviewed FBI Director Robert Mueller. He would like to say "hi" to Carol McCannon and is always willing to help fellow UMMers! Contact him at danaj.edmond@nbc.com.

Katey Ehrenberg is pursuing a master's degree at the University of North Dakota. She lives in Fargo and can be contacted at kate_berg@hotmail.com.

Aaron Folkerds of Buffalo will be starting seminary in the fall of 2002. Contact him at aaccessna21@aol.com.

Becky Hachfeld Ford works in the Fairbault School District as the youth development coordinator.

Sarah Zacharda Guevara is married and has a new son. She lives in Eden Prairie.

Red Wing is home to **Sarah Gravalin** who married Dan Warrington in Aug. 2001. Contact Sarah by electronic mail at jwarring@redwing.k12.mn.us.

Gary Hedin is in his second year of dental school at the UMTC. He is engaged to **Kari Jacobson' 00**. He lives in Minneapolis and can be contacted at hedingj@umn.edu.

Keith Kinsley is a second year student at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He lives in Shoreview. Contact him at kinslekp@umn.edu.

Thomas Kluis is a buyer for Best Buy Corporation and lives in Minneapolis. Contact Thomas by electronic mail at tommyk@outtech.com.

Carly Rea Padilla and husband Dax welcomed a son, Aiden Dario, in November 2001. Carly works for Great Lakes Airlines in the customer relations department. She can be reached at carlyrea@excite.com.

Cheryl Rogalla is attending graduate school at the University of North Dakota for counseling psychology. She lives in Grand Forks and can be contacted at rogalllacheri@hotmail.com.

Nicole Statz is a graduate student and will soon marry **Eric Peterson**. She lives in Osseo. Contact Nicole by email at nicole.statz@angelfire.com.

Alexander Williams has completed his first year of graduate school at Xavier University. He says "What's up?" to everyone from UMM. Alexander lives in New Orleans and can be contacted at alexwms@hotmail.com.

Phoua Yang of Blaine finished a master's degree in counseling psychology at St. Thomas University.

Class of '01

Rita Frahm is employed by the American Red Cross in Saint Paul. She lives in Cottage Grove and can be contacted at Ritafrahm@hotmail.com.

James Horsman teaches geography at Wayzata West Junior High. He lives in Saint Louis Park and can be contacted at horsmanjp@yahoo.com.

Jennifer Jones lives in Independence, Mo., where she teaches English at William Crisman High School and is the assistant debate coach. She plans to stay for at least another year because she loves her job and because she can feel her fingers starting to thaw out after twenty years of Minnesota winters. Contact her at mtmsuperfan@aol.com.

Matthew Knakmuhs is an insurance and real estate agent. He lives in Tracy. Matthew can be contacted at mknakmuhs@yahoo.com.

Shane Kuntz of Madison, Wisconsin, works at Epic, a software development company. He will be a Vikings and Minnesota fan forever no matter where he lives. Contact him at shanekuntz@agiliti.net.

Tara Lunde graduated from the University of Idaho with a master's degree in dance pedagogy. She teaches at Valencia Performing Arts Academy and Saint Mary's University in Winona. She lives in Winona and can be contacted at tarajlunde@hotmail.com.

Nathan and **Andrea Richardson Rooney** welcomed a daughter, Moriah Linnae, in March. Nathan and Andrea live in Fargo where they started a church with other UMM alums. Nathan serves as church leader and works full-time at a company that makes custom counter tops. Andrea is a stay-at-home mom and volunteers at Bethany Homes. Contact them at na_rooney@yahoo.com.

Rochester is home to **Charles Sandberg** who is engaged to be married.

Mindy Sue Vogel recently purchased a home in Washington, where she and **Neal Kittelson '00** will be attending graduate school at WSU.

Hope Petri Zeltwanger works at the Hancock Library and at the Morris Elementary School. She is married to Jason Zeltwanger and lives on a farm near Hancock.

Class of '02

Priscilla Coleman writes: "I have been accepted by the St. Matthews University School of Medicine. It is a combined program in which I will receive a M.D. and a Masters of Health Administration. For two years I will do my basic science in the Grand Cayman Islands. Then I will do my last two years of clinical in the U.S. I will be leaving towards the end of August."

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The Class Notes deadline
for the next issue of *Profile* is:
November 15, 2002



Six UMMers will participate in the first residence program for women's freestyle wrestling at the U. S. Olympic Training Center: **Katie Downing '02** (shown above), **Samantha Branka**, **Tina George '01**, **Sara McMann '99**, **Sally Roberts** and **Nina Vernon**. The athletes will join twelve other women to prepare for upcoming competitions including the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece, where the sport will debut as a medal competition.

Governor vetoes Social Science Project

UMM's 2002 legislative effort came to a disappointing conclusion when Governor Jesse Ventura line item vetoed UMM's request for funds to rehabilitate the Social Science building.

Although the governor had not included UMM's project in his budget proposal at the beginning of the session, and the U of M ranked the Social Science project low on its priority list, UMM's lobbying efforts—with help from alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents, friends of UMM and members of the West Central Educational Development Association—moved the project successfully through the House and the Senate until the final stage of the legislative process. UMM advocates wrote letters, sent emails and attended legislative events. UMM was very visible in St. Paul at the state capitol.

Plans are to continue lobbying for full funding of the Social Science Rehabilitation Project. A bonding bill may be considered in the 2003 Spring legislative session. If not, the project will move forward in the 2004 session.

Regents accept Yudof's resignation— appoint Bruinicks interim president

The U of M Board of Regents accepted the resignation of Mark Yudof, former U of M president, who has returned to the place he calls "home" to serve as University of Texas chancellor.

Yudof served the U of M since 1997. His tenure will historically be remembered as one of growth, especially in the areas of facilities construction and renovation, and private giving through Campaign Minnesota.



Mark Yudof

On a unanimous vote, the regents named Executive Vice President and Provost Robert Bruininks as interim president. Bruininks has been second-in-command at the University for five years. Prior to becoming provost, he was the dean of the College of Education and Human Development for six years (1991-1997) and has been a faculty member at the university since 1968.

The following were named to the presidential search advisory committee: Wilbert Ahern, professor of history, University of Minnesota, Morris; James R. Campbell, retired chair and CEO, Wells Fargo; Joshua Colburn, president, Minnesota Student Association; Sara Evans, professor of history, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Steve Hunter, secretary-treasurer, Minnesota AFL-CIO; Ann Huntrods, attorney, Briggs & Morgan; Reatha Clark King, chair of the board of trustees, General Mills Foundation; Peggy Leppik, retiring state representative; Marilyn Speedie, dean of the College of Pharmacy; John Sullivan, regents professor of political science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Robin Teller, financial adviser, American Express Financial Advisors; and Lori-Anne Williams, assistant to the dean, General College.

The management consulting firm Korn/Ferry International has been hired to assist in the presidential search.

CAMPAIGN MINNESOTA



U of M focuses on priorities as initial Universitywide campaign goal is reached

Minneapolis / St. Paul—The University of Minnesota has announced priorities for the final year of Campaign Minnesota, the state's largest private fund-raising campaign ever, which is scheduled to end on June 30, 2003. As of April 30, \$1.327 billion has been raised, putting the campaign over its goal of \$1.3 billion a year ahead of schedule.

Despite meeting this monetary goal, University officials and campaign volunteers stress that the campaign is not complete and that reaching every campaign objective is even more important as the University makes the transition to a new president.

During its final year, the campaign will focus on reaching its fund-raising goals for student support and libraries, and for each campus and college. Universitywide, about \$150 million more in gifts is needed to achieve these campaign objectives.

Campaign Minnesota is the sixth largest campaign among public universities. Support for the campaign has been broad, including 190,000 donors—39 percent of whom are University alumni. The campaign has brought in 271 gifts of \$1 million or more.

UMM energized for final campaign year

UMM's Campaign Minnesota progress as of July 31, 2002, in campaign commitments, including gifts, pledges and bequests, is \$7,416,954—more than \$1.4 million over UMM's initial campaign goal of \$6 million.

Maddy Maxeiner, associate vice chancellor for external relations and director of fund development, serves as UMM's executive campaign director. She is delighted with progress and credits the UMM community and friends with the success of the fundraising program.

"UMM is fortunate to have so many alumni, friends, faculty, staff and parents willing to donate their time, talents and treasures to Campaign Minnesota," states Maxeiner. "The UMM Campaign Minnesota volunteer committees

have generated much energy and enthusiasm, increasing the visibility of the campaign and sharing the UMM story. Because of their efforts, UMM advocates understand the need for private gift giving to support both students and faculty."

Since the campaign began in July 1996, nearly \$2.6 million has been raised in private gifts to support UMM students. These contributions have been designated to areas such as scholarships and

undergraduate research stipends. As tuition continues to rise throughout the U of M system, these types of financial assistance have become increasingly important to UMM students.

Almost \$2.7 million has been designated to faculty and staff support. Gifts include an endowed visiting professorship, as well as funds for research, professional development and teaching opportunities.



Maddy Maxeiner

During the last year of Campaign Minnesota, UMM will continue to emphasize campaign priorities:

student support, especially in the area of scholarships; faculty support; and strategic initiatives.

Campaign Minnesota officially ends on June 30, 2003. If you would like to make a gift to UMM through Campaign Minnesota, please contact the University of Minnesota, Morris External Relations Office at ummexternal@mrs.umn.edu or call 320-589-6386.

"...UMM advocates understand the need for private gift giving to support both students and faculty."

—Maddy Maxeiner

UMM Division of Education announces successful reaccreditation

The UMM Division of Education has been reaccredited by the National Council of Teacher Education.

"The UMM teacher education program received initial accreditation in 1969 and has been reaccredited in subsequent reviews," says Judy Kuechle, division of education chair. "Our professional program combines theory with practice, promotes leadership and values diversity. Technology is woven into proven teaching methods to assure effective instruction and student learning. UMM teacher candidates have a strong academic background in liberal arts with emphasis in major and specialty content areas."

NCATE-accredited schools meet rigorous standards set by the profession and members of the public. Teacher candidates must have in-depth knowledge of the subject matter that they plan to teach as well as the skills necessary to convey that knowledge. The college or university must carefully assess the candidate's knowledge and skill to determine who may graduate. The institution must have partnerships with Preschool-12 schools that enable candidates to develop the skills necessary to help students learn. Candidates must understand and work with diverse student populations. College and university faculty must model effective teaching practices. And the school, college or department of education must have the resources, including information technology resources, necessary to prepare candidates to meet new standards.

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Homecoming 2002

Dear fellow UMM alumni, faculty, staff and friends,

Plans for Homecoming 2002 are well underway. With the theme "City Meets Country: Gettin' down on the farm," you know you will have a great time back at UMM in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. There's lots of fun events scheduled.

See you on **September 20, 21 and 22!**

Don Brabeck '84, UMMAA president

September 20, Friday night Awards dinner and volleyball

5:30 p.m. Dinner and Alumni Association annual meeting in Turtle Mountain Cafe, Student Center. The evening includes two special presentations:

2002 Distinguished Alumni Awards—

Robert Gandrud '65

Lue Her '97

Bruce Johnson '71

2002 Cougar Hall of Fame Inductees—

Art Durkee

Stacy Rust Martig '93

Shane Pribyl '91

7:00 p.m. Volleyball, UMM vs UMD



September 21, Saturday morning Homecoming run, dedications and parade

9:00 a.m. Cougar Quad—four mile run. T-shirts, door prizes and awards. Refreshments provided. Check out www.mrs.umn.edu/runclub/cougarquad/

10:00 a.m. KUMM reunion and Tower Dedication, KUMM studios/Louie's Lower Level

11:00 a.m. Science Building West Wing dedication

11:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade

All alumni are invited to participate in the infamous KAZOO BAND directed by Mike Vick '87...musical ability not required. Meet at 11:15 a.m. at the alumni float which will be parked along the mall at the beginning of the parade route.

September 21, Saturday noon Food, Food, Food

12:00 p.m. Student groups will be serving a variety of delicious "Down on the Farm" foods at the Tailgate Party adjacent to the football field.



September 21, Saturday afternoon Football, volleyball and gathering

1:30 p.m. football, UMM versus UMD

Postgame celebration at the LaFave House, 305 College Avenue. All alumni, current and former faculty and staff are invited for an informal gathering. Refreshments served.

5:00 p.m. volleyball, UMM versus Bemidji



September 22, Sunday afternoon Music, Music, Music

2:00 p.m. UMM Band and Choral Concerts

Check the UMM Alumni Homecoming web site:

www.mrs.umn.edu/alumni/homecoming for lodging information.

Contact the UMM Alumni Relations Office at alumni@mrs.umn.edu or 320-589-6066 for more Homecoming 2002 information!

